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MINISTER CARNEY TO PARTICIPATE IN QUADRILATERAL TRADE
MINISTERS MEETING IN JAPAN AND TO MEET
WITH OFFICIALS IN HONG KONG

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, will participate in a Quadrilateral Trade Ministers meeting in Kashikojima, Japan, April 24-26.

The meeting will be hosted by the Japanese Minister for International Trade and Industry, Mr. O. Tamura. Other participants will be the United States Trade Representative, Mr. Clayton Yeutter, and Mr. Willy de Clercq, European Communities Commissioner. This will be the first meeting of the Ministers responsible for trade of the Quadrilateral group since the launch of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations last autumn. The previous meeting was held in Sintra, Portugal in early September 1986.

Miss Carney expects to review with her counterparts recent international trade developments, including ways to ensure early and sustained progress in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations. She stated "it is particularly important at this time that Ministers of major trading nations make every effort to work together to combat protectionism" and that "the meeting would be an important opportunity to discuss the objective of strengthening the GATT institution itself in the new round".

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