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## FIRST SESSION OF THE CANADA-RUSSIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND SIGNING OF CANADA-RUSSIA AGREEMENTS

A joint statement was issued today in Ottawa by the Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, and Mr. Alexandr Zaveryukha, Deputy Chairman of the Russian Federation, at the closing of the first session of the Canada-Russia Intergovernmental Economic Commission (see attached).

Six new agreements were also signed today between Canada and Russia on the occasion of the visit of Russian Prime Minister Victor S. Chernomyrdin to Ottawa (see attached).

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