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ANNUAL MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance and The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, will attend the annual Ministerial Council Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The meeting will take place in Paris April 17 and 18. It is expected that Ministers will discuss the outlook for economic performance and policies in OECD member countries, their relations with developing countries, and the prospects for liberalization of the trading system. In addition, the Ministers will have bilateral meetings with a number of their OECD colleagues.

The OECD was created in 1961 as a forum for discussion and consultation on matters of economic, trade, and development assistance policies. Over time its membership has grown to 24 (including all of Western Europe, plus Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the USA, and Canada), and its work has also spread into a variety of other important areas including environmental policies, energy, manpower and social affairs, education, and science and technology policy. Canada is a founding member of the OECD, and is an active participant in virtually all its programmes and activities.