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VISIT TO CANADA OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT,
JEAN-CLAUDE PAYE

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Mr. Jean-Claude Paye, will make an official visit to Canada from February 22-23.

In the course of his visit, Mr. Paye will be received by the Governor General, Her Excellency Jeanne Sauvé, and will have talks with Ministers Clark, Wilson, Carney and Oberle. Discussions will focus on trade and agriculture, relations with developing countries and debt, and international economic policy matters in preparation for the OECD Ministerial Meeting, to be held May 18-19 in Paris. The OECD Ministerial is important as one of the principal international economic meetings leading up to the Toronto Economic Summit, June 19-21. The Summit itself will bring together the leaders of the seven major industrialized democracies to discuss current international economic developments and major political preoccupations.

Canada has been a member of the OECD since the Organization was founded in 1960 and participates actively in its work. The OECD's primary role is that of a forum for consultation and consensus-building among its 24 member countries on economic and trade questions.

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