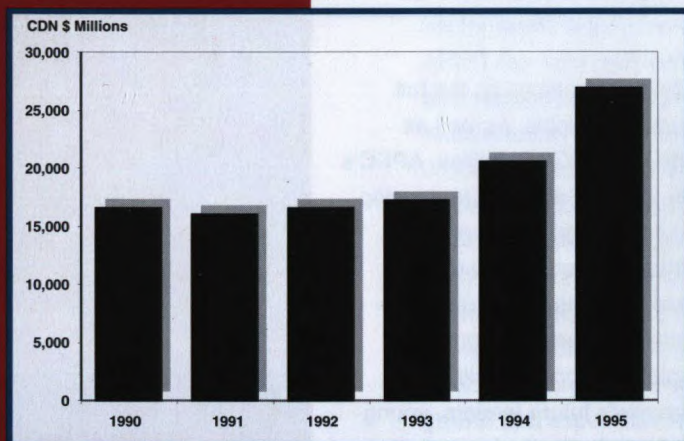


CANADA'S  
EXPORTS TO APEC  
ECONOMIES  
(Excluding U.S.,  
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To accomplish the above objectives, over 100 APEC Ministers with a wide range of responsibilities will participate in meetings in various parts of Canada throughout the year in preparation for the November meeting of APEC Leaders in Vancouver. Business delegations will come to Canada as part of the following high-level meetings throughout the year:

## APEC & BUSINESS: STRENGTHENING TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES

**APEC Trade Ministers**, led by the Canadian Minister for International Trade, will gather in Montreal, Quebec on May 9-10 to find ways in which APEC can contribute to the WTO work program, to increase trade and investment opportunities, and to consider how to

implement the 1996 recommendations of the APEC Business Advisory Council. They will focus on trade facilitation, particularly addressing issues identified by business people as obstacles to private-sector

expansion in the region. Examples include unwieldy customs processes, opaque regulatory regimes, and uneven product and professional standards. An APEC Business Symposium on Customs Procedures, organized by Revenue Canada, will take place