

## **MICHAEL WILSON**

### **Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade**

*Mr. Wilson was born in 1937. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto. He went into investment banking, gaining experience in London (England), New York and Toronto. He also spent two years with the Department of Finance in Ottawa. In 1973, Mr. Wilson became Executive Vice-President of Dominion Securities, with particular responsibilities for international, corporate and government finance. He continued in this capacity until his election to Parliament in 1979. He was appointed to the Cabinet that year as Minister of State for International Trade. In September 1984, Mr. Wilson was appointed Minister of Finance. In that capacity, he was closely involved in negotiating the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. In 1991, he was appointed Minister of Industry, Science and Technology, and Minister for International Trade with the overall responsibility for coordinating the government's policies to improve the competitiveness of the Canadian economy.*