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NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he will lead the Canadian Delegation to the Spring Ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Washington on May 29-31, 1984.

This Ministerial meeting will formally mark the thirty-fifth anniversary of the North Atlantic Alliance. Discussions at the meeting are expected to focus on developments in East/West relations, including the Alliance approach to arms control negotiations. Ministers will be considering a thorough and forward looking Alliance appraisal of East/West relations, commissioned last December with a view to achieving a more constructive East/West dialogue. This review will build in part, upon the principles embodied in the "Brussels Declaration" issued at the conclusion of the previous Ministerial gathering.

The opening ceremonies of the meeting will be addressed by the host Minister, United States Secretary of State Mr. George P. Shultz, and by the outgoing Secretary General of NATO, Mr. Joseph Luns, who is to be succeeded by Lord Carrington in June. External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson of France, will also address the Council for the last time in his capacity as Honorary President.

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