The Department of External Affairs is cooperating with the Canadian Institute of International Affairs in organizing a Conference on Canada and the European Community which is to take place at the Government Conference Centre in Ottawa, November 1, 2 and 3.

The Conference will begin on November 1 with an address by Sir Christopher Soames, the Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities. In the morning of Friday, November 2, the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, will give a speech on Canada's relations with the European Community.

The rest of Friday, November 2, will be devoted to Round Table sessions on the following themes:

- (a) Trade and Agriculture
- (b) Industry and Technology
- (c) Resources and Energy
- (d) Canada, the Community and the World.

Canadian participants in the round table discussions include members of the business and academic worlds, trade union representatives, members of the media and government officials. The European view point will be represented by senior officials of the Commission and by European journalists and personalities like Jean Lecerf, Editor of <u>Le Figaro</u> of Paris, Hella Pick of the <u>Guardian</u> and Hans Hebert Goetz of the <u>Frankfurter Allgemeine</u>.

The Conference will conclude on Saturday with a panel discussion led by Canadian journalists Claude Ryan, Editor of <u>Le Devoir</u>, and Tim Creery, Editor of <u>The Gazette</u> and two journalists from Europe on "Canada and the Community - Where are they going?"