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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the 4th meeting of the Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee in Mexico City January 7-9, 1981. In addition to himself, three other ministers will be part of the Delegation. They are the Honourable Eugene Whelan, Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the Honourable Ed. Lumley, Minister of State for Commerce.

The ministers will meet for three days with their Mexican counterparts during which they will discuss a wide range of issues such as trade, energy cooperation and agricultural cooperation as well as a variety of multilateral issues.

The Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee was formed in 1968 in recognition of the broad range of contacts between the two countries and of a mutual desire to foster the further development of relations. The January meeting will be the fourth.

In 1980 two-way trade between Canada and Mexico has grown rapidly with Canadian exports in the first half up by 126 per cent and imports up 57 per cent. The number of high level contacts between the two countries both governmental and private has also increased dramatically in the past year or so.