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## MEETING OF THE CANADA-USSR MIXED COMMISSION

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade, announced today that a Soviet trade delegation is visiting Canada May 7-18, 1984. The Soviet delegation is led by Mr. V.N. Sushkov, Vice Minister of Foreign Trade, and is currently participating in the Fourth Meeting of the Canada-USSR Mixed Commission in Ottawa.

The Canada-USSR Mixed Commission was established in 1976 under the Long Term Agreement for Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation. Annual meetings provide an opportunity for a review of bilateral commercial relations and an exchange of views on trade and industrial cooperation between the two countries.

Mr. Sushkov is accompanied by senior representatives of key Soviet Foreign Trade Organizations. While in Canada they will have individual meetings with a number of Canadian firms and businessmen active in Canada-USSR trade.

Following his stay in Ottawa, Mr. Sushkov and members of his delegation will visit British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec for tours of Canadian industrial facilities including a pulp mill, a sawmill, a hydro-electric generating station and a brewery. He will also meet with manufacturers of oil and gas equipment and firms in the transportation, marine, forestry, and food processing sectors.

The USSR is Canada's fourth largest export market overall and the largest customer for grains. In 1983, exports to the USSR exceeded 1.7 billion dollars.