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## MINISTER WILSON TO PURSUE CANADIAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN SPAIN

The Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Michael H. Wilson, will visit Spain July 12-16 following his participation in meetings with the European Commission in Brussels.

Accompanied by a senior business delegation, Mr. Wilson will hold discussions with Spanish Cabinet Ministers, visit the Expo '92 site in Seville, address the Spanish Federation of Business Organizations and meet Spanish industrialists.

Mr. Wilson and the Spanish Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism will sign a Joint Declaration on Industrial and Technological Co-operation and Investment.

Signalling Canada's desire to consolidate and expand bilateral relations with Spain, Mr. Wilson will explore trade and investment possibilities, joint venture and third country market opportunities as well as industrial co-operation.

The Minister will also press for an end to overfishing of fish stocks in the waters of the northwest Atlantic, including effective control of Spanish vessels to ensure compliance with the decisions of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization.

"With the dramatic growth of Spain's economy, its ability to attract foreign investment and the high-profile events taking place in Madrid, Barcelona and Seville in 1992, the world is focusing increasing attention on Spain. These factors, combined with Spain's strategic historical, economic and geographic position in Europe, mean real prospects for Canadian companies wishing to establish