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CANADA TO HOLD IWC 100TH ANNIVERSARY SESSION

Canadian Wheat Board Minister Hazen Argue announced today Canada will host the 100th session of the International Wheat Council. The event will be held in Ottawa June 25 to 27 under the joint sponsorship of Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, Allan J. MacEachen, and his colleagues, Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan, International Trade Minister Gerald Regan, and Senator Argue.

The Minister also announced that a special day and a half anniversary symposium to be called the Centennial Forum will follow the IWC's regular business meeting. The Council session, attended by official delegations of member and observer countries, will be held in the Canadian Conference Centre. The Centennial Forum which is being held June 28 and 29 at the Capital Congress Centre, will be attended by delegations and observers to the Council session as well as representatives from producer, trade and international organizations.

"The Canadian government is honoured to host this important event and to organize a forum to consider the future for the grain industry world-wide". Senator Argue said.

"Our hosting of this event reflects the long history of Canadian support for the International Wheat Council and its efforts to develop workable agreements to benefit both exporters and importers of wheat."

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