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VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Pat Carney, announced today that she will be visiting Washington, June 2-4, to meet with members of the U.S. Administration and Congress. She will hold discussions with United States Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee Senator Lloyd Bentsen and the ranking minority member of the Finance Committee Senator Bob Packwood, and other Congressional figures. The purpose of the visit is to discuss Canadian concerns about proposed trade legislation at present before the U.S. Congress, and to review the progress of the Canada-U.S. trade negotiations.

"This is a critical point in the passage of U.S. trade legislation in this session of Congress", said Miss Carney "and I want to register our concerns with both the Administration and Congress at a time when it will be most effective". The House of Representatives passed its version of the U.S. Trade Bill on April 30. It is expected that the Senate will be conducting its floor vote in the next few days, and a House-Senate conference to resolve differences between the two versions of legislation will be held toward the end of the month.

The bilateral trade negotiations will be reviewed bearing in mind the need to make sufficient progress to reach completion of a draft agreement by the October deadline.