

In 1986, Canada's Prime Minister Mulroney announced a two-year \$20 million program to help Canadian companies participate in Eureka projects. So far, four Canadian companies have been successful in gaining full membership on Eureka project teams, and others have sub-contracted with European partners.

Today, at the Venice Eureka Forum, Mr. Ricard is making a presentation to emphasize Canada's interest in pursuing closer cooperative activities with Europe, with a view to developing economically and environmentally sound technologies. He will invite European companies to visit Globe 90, which will take place in Vancouver, from March 19 to 23, 1990. This trade fair and conference is a unique event in North America, and is being organized by Canadian industry and government to promote environmentally realistic economic development.

Peripheral to the Eureka Forum, Mr. Ricard will meet privately with Mr. F.M. Pandolfi, Vice-President of the European Community and Commissioner responsible for the Research and Technological Development Program of this organization of twelve Western European Countries. They will discuss current questions on bilateral cooperation in science and technology, and in particular a proposed science and technology framework agreement.

For further information, media may contact
Media Relations Office
External Affairs and International Trade Canada
Tel.: (613) 995-1874