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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Hinister of Industry, the Honourable C.M. Drury, will head the Canadian delegation to the annual Hinisterial Meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. He will be accompanied by officials from the Departments of Trade and Commerce, Industry, Finance, and External Affairs. The meeting, to be held at OECD Headquarters in Paris on November 25 and 26, will be attended by representatives from all twenty-one member countries in Vestern Europe and North America, and Japan.

Canada was a founding member of the OECD when it was established in December, 1960 with the aims of achieving the highest sustainable rate of economic growth and employment consistent with financial stability and of contributing to sound economic development in member and non-member countries and to the expansion of world trade. At the forthcoming meeting Ministers are expected to review economic developments in member countries and to discuss the prospects for trade and development in less developed countries.