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## MINISTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR CONSULTATIONS IN EUROPE

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie announced today that they will be in Europe next week to participate in wide-ranging discussions concerning international economic policy, trade, security and environmental issues.

After participating with Prime Minister Mulroney in the May 29-30 NATO Summit meeting in Brussels, Mr. Clark will stop over in Madrid for meetings with his Spanish counterpart, Francisco Fernandez-Ordonez, as well as with Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez Marquez. He will then join Mr. Crosbie and Finance Minister Michael Wilson in Paris and lead the Canadian delegation to the OECD Ministerial meeting May 31-June 1. Mr. Clark and Mr. Crosbie will also participate in ministerial meetings between Canada and the European Community June 1-2 in Brussels.

OECD ministers will discuss policies to sustain economic growth, particularly measures to dampen inflationary pressures and to reduce global economic and trade imbalances. They will also review the current round of multilateral trade talks under the GATT and discuss issues related to the global environment and co-operation between OECD member states and developing countries.

The OECD meeting will lay the groundwork for discussions at the Economic Summit in Paris July 14-16 and provide impetus to the trade talks in Geneva.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Crosbie will then begin a round of bilateral talks with the European Community, including the plenary session of the Joint Cooperation Committee in Brussels June 1-2. They will meet Frans Andriessen, EC Commissioner for External Relations and Trade Policy.

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