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## VISIT OF NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade, announced today the visit to Ottawa of Mr. Asbjorn Haugstvedt, Minister of Commerce and Shipping for Norway. Mr. Haugstvedt will begin his visit to Canada in Ottawa on April 30 and will depart on May 5 following visits to Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

While in Ottawa, Mr. Haugstvedt will have meetings with officials of Energy, Mines and Resources and Transport Canada, as well as with Mr. Regan.

The discussions between the two trade ministers will focus on both multilateral trade issues and Canada-Norway bilateral trade. A major element in Canada's trade relations with Norway is the development of offshore energy resources in both countries. A delegation from the Norwegian offshore industry will be in Canada at the same time as Mr. Haugstvedt to meet with Canadian companies, and a number of Canadian firms will participate in the Offshore Northern Seas Show in Stavanger, Norway, in August.

In honour of Mr. Haugstvedt's visit, Mr. Regan will host a luncheon attended by representatives of the Canadian business and export community actively involved with Norway.

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