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## CANADA-MEXICO JOINT MINISTERIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 1-2, 1983

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he will lead the Canadian delegation to the Fifth Meeting of the Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee to be held in Ottawa, November 1-2, 1983. The Canadian delegation will include the Honourable Jean Chrétien, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable Eugene Whelan, the Minister of Agriculture, and the Honourable Gerald Regan, the Minister of State (International Trade).

Canadian Ministers and officials will meet for two days of discussions with their Mexican counterparts. They will review a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual concern including regional and hemispheric political developments, the international economic and financial situation, and energy, trade and agri-food questions.

The 1983 meeting will be the fifth since the Joint Ministerial Committee was established in 1968, and the third to be held in Ottawa. The Joint Ministerial Committee has become an important forum for bringing the concerns of each side to the attention of the other and for the continued advancement of our mutual interests in the economic and political areas.

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