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MACLAREN WELCOMES VISIT OF DUTCH MINISTER OF TRADE

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced the visit to Canada of Anneke van Dok, Minister for Foreign Trade of the Netherlands, on June 5.

Mrs. van Dok will meet with Mr. MacLaren and senior government officials to discuss issues of mutual interest, including transatlantic trade liberalization, strengthening the multilateral trading system, and the G-7 Summit in Halifax.

"The Netherlands is an important partner for Canada in discussion of a broad range of multilateral economic, commercial and related issues. However, the scope of co-operation between our two countries could be expanded, and I will explore ways of achieving this objective with Mrs. van Dok during her visit," Mr. MacLaren said.

The value of bilateral trade in 1994 exceeded \$2 billion. Dutch investment in Canada amounts to \$3.6 billion, while Canadian investment in the Netherlands stands at \$1.8 billion.

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