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## VISIT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OECD

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Canada will chair this year's meeting of the Ministerial Council of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which will take place in Paris April 11 and 12. He also announced that he and his colleague the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Michael Wilson, will attend the meeting and have together accepted the invitation of the Organization's Council to co-chair the Ministerial meeting.

The new Secretary-General of the Organization, Mr. Jean-Claude Paye, will visit Ottawa on Wednesday, March 6, to meet Ministers Wilson and Clark, and to discuss the international economic and trade issues that will be on the agenda of this year's Ministerial meeting.

Mr. Clark said that Canada was honoured to chair the Ministerial of the OECD during its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary year. The Organization, he said, was an effective instrument of multilateral cooperation, that had contributed in many ways to the economic development of the industrial democracies since its foundation. He added that Canada will continue to work to strengthen the Organization and the principles of multilateralism that it embodies.