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MINISTERS CLARK AND WILSON TO ATTEND OECD

MINISTERIAL MEETING

MAY 18-19, 1988

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance, will attend the annual Ministerial level meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which takes place in Paris, May 18-19.

At the meeting, Ministers from the 24 OECD countries will discuss prospects for global economic growth, the current Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations with an emphasis on agriculture, and approaches to structural reform. Progress on these issues will provide a sound basis for decisions on international economic coordination by leaders at the Toronto Economic Summit, June 19-21. The OECD Ministerial will also be important in providing impetus to the Uruguay Round Mid-Term Review Conference at Ministerial level, which will be held in Montreal in December. Canada's Ministers will urge early action in particular on agricultural trade. They will emphasize the need for a strong commitment by OECD member countries to collective action to address the domestic and trade policies which have led to the continuing crisis facing Canadian farmers in world markets.