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MINISTER KELLEHER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SAN DIEGO

QUADRILATERAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING

The Honourable James F. Kelleher, Minister for International Trade will participate in a Trade Ministers meeting being hosted by the United States Trade Representative, Mr. Clayton Yeutter, in San Diego, California January 16-18, 1986. The Ministers responsible for International Trade of the USA, Canada, Japan and the EC meet periodically (about two or three times a year) for an informal exchange of views on the many issues and challenges facing the international trading situation and the issues involved. Minister Kelleher hosted their last meeting in Sault Ste. Marie from July 11 to 14, 1985.

The meeting is expected to focus on the preparations for a new round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations scheduled to be launched in September. In particular they will discuss their respective approaches to the activities of the Preparatory Committee established by the Contracting Parties of the GATT at their annual meeting in November, 1985. The meeting will also follow-up on discussions at the meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on some of the possible subjects to be dealt with in the negotiations.

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