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WILSON TO LEAD TRADE MISSION TO CHINA

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister for Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, today announced that he will lead a trade delegation of approximately 20 senior Canadian business executives to Beijing and Shanghai in the People's Republic of China, April 19 to 23, 1992.

"Canadian exporters have already made significant inroads in China, not only in the agricultural sector, but in other sectors such as telecommunications, civil aviation, energy, machinery and equipment," said Mr. Wilson. "The purpose of this mission is to support their marketing efforts and to expand existing trade ties with China."

In 1991, Canada's exports to China totalled \$1.8 billion, making that country Canada's sixth-largest export market in the world and its third-largest in Asia.

While in Beijing, Mr. Wilson will meet with senior officials and discuss economic- and trade-related issues, including agriculture, telecommunications and energy, and express Canadian concerns over the human rights situation in China.

In Shanghai, Mr. Wilson will meet with that city's senior officials to express continued Canadian interest in the economic reforms and the rapid economic development taking place in the region. Mr. Wilson will also emphasize the availability of competitive Canadian technologies in sectors critical for that region, including the financial, telecommunications, energy and environmental sectors.

Following his visit to China, Mr. Wilson will take part in the Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting in Japan.

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