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TRADE TEAM CANADA AT WORK

Trade Team Canada initiatives involving the federal and provincial governments and business will top the agenda of a meeting between Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren and provincial and territorial ministers responsible for international trade, to be held at the Government Conference Centre in Ottawa, March 27, 1995.

Mr. MacLaren and his counterparts will review the Prime Minister's successful trade missions to China and Latin America, as well as other recent Trade Team Canada achievements. They will discuss further federal-provincial co-operation in international trade promotion, with a view to developing more strategic approaches to international business development as well as streamlining the services provided to exporters by both levels of government.

"Working together, the provinces and the federal government have been able to strengthen Canada's presence in the international marketplace," Mr. MacLaren said. "Through teamwork, we can improve further Canada's standing as a source and destination for trade and investment."

Mr. MacLaren will seek the views of provincial and territorial ministers on current trade issues, including matters to be discussed at the May Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting (United States, Japan, European Union and Canada) and the June G-7 Leaders Summit, which will both be chaired by Canada.

"Through its membership in the Quad and the G-7, Canada plays a constructive role in shaping the international trade and economic agenda. I am looking forward to our meeting, which provides the provinces with an opportunity to assist the federal government in developing positions advanced by Canada in these high-level trade and economic forums."

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