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MACLAREN HOLDS TRADE AND ECONOMIC TALKS IN VISIT TO SWEDEN AND FINLAND

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will visit Sweden and Finland July 18-21.

During July 18-20, Mr. MacLaren will meet in Sweden with Mr. Mats Hellström, Swedish Minister for Foreign Trade, and Mr. Sten Heckscher, Minister of Industry and Trade.

On July 21, Mr. MacLaren will hold talks in Finland with Mr. Ole Norrback, Minister for Trade and Industry.

In both countries, Mr. MacLaren will promote stronger trade and investment partnerships in meetings with senior public and private sector officials. He will also review with his counterparts how middle powers such as Canada, Sweden and Finland can facilitate discussion and progress on transatlantic trade liberalization, as well as strengthen the multilateral trading system.

In 1994, the value of bilateral trade with Sweden exceeded \$1.3 billion, while that with Finland amounted to \$470 million. addition, Swedish and Finnish investments in Canada are quite extensive.

On July 17, Mr. MacLaren will participate in the Cambridge Lectures at the Cambridge Institute of International Affairs in the United Kingdom, where he will deliver a lecture on the theme: "Trade rules or power politics: Regulating international trade currents."

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