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MINISTER WILSON TO ATTEND QUADRILATERAL MEETING IN FRANCE FOLLOWED BY TRADE MISSION TO IRAN

The Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Michael H. Wilson, today announced that he will join his counterparts from the so-called Quadrilateral group -- Canada, the United States, Japan and the European Community -- in Angers, France, September 12 to 14, for informal talks on world trade developments.

The meeting will be hosted by EC Vice-President Frans Andriessen, and will include United States Trade Representative Carla Hills, and Japan's Minister of International Trade and Industry, Eiichi Nakao. It will be Mr. Wilson's first meeting with the group, which meets generally twice a year to discuss international trade issues of interest to all four parties.

"This is the first meeting of the Quadrilateral partners since the July gathering of the G-7 leaders in London," said Mr. Wilson. "At that time, all member countries made a strong commitment to make the successful completion of the Uruguay Round a top priority. Our meeting will seek ways of translating that commitment into action. Taking the opportunity to look at the post-Uruguay Round agenda, we will also be discussing the complex interrelationship of trade and environmental issues."

Following the meeting of Quadrilateral partners, Mr. Wilson will fly to Tehran, Iran, with a 22-member Canadian trade delegation, with a view to expanding trade ties with that country, primarily in the areas of energy, transportation and technology.

Mr. Wilson will lead the Canadian business delegation during two days of meetings with senior Iranian trade officials. The delegation will be hosted by Iranian Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance, Dr. Mohsen Nourbaksh.