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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL TRADE MINISTERS CONFERENCE
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The Honourable Edward C. Lumley, Minister of Trade, announced today that a Federal-Provincial Conference of Ministers responsible for Trade will be held in Ottawa on June 21, 1982.

The main objective of initiating such a conference is to review current trade issues and to seek ways of strengthening the Federal and Provincial Governments' support of private sector export initiatives in a mutually complementary way. The conference will include international trade relations and export promotion and development matters.

Mr. Lumley will discuss with the provinces such topics as the GATT Ministerial meeting next November, Canadian relations with major trading partners, and export development programs and initiatives. The Minister stated that it is particularly important for Ministers to meet at this time in view of the high priority being accorded international trade by the Federal Government.

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