

these issues which will have taken him to 15 centres across Canada. The views which have been expressed to him by business, labour and interested citizens will be discussed with provincial trade Ministers in the near future and an interim report made to Cabinet in June.

With regard to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Mr. Kelleher noted that the OECD Ministers, at meetings in Paris on April 11 and 12, had agreed to a meeting of senior officials before the end of the summer to initiate the preparatory process leading to a new round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. With regard to Canada-U.S. trade issues, the Quebec Declaration requires a report to the Prime Minister and the President by the end of September, 1985 on all possible ways to reduce and eliminate existing barriers to bilateral trade.

The Minister stated that the Special Co-ordinator for Market Access Consultations would provide "one stop shopping" for the next phase of the Government's consultations. These consultations, beginning May 15, will be confidential as required and will involve the participation of senior representatives of interested government departments. In addition there will be a small secretariat in the Department of External Affairs that will manage the day-to-day operations of the consultative process. In this way, all those seeking to convey their views on either multilateral or Canada-U.S. trade issues can do so through one central point in the Government.

Mr. Burns will report the results of his consultations to an interdepartmental Steering Group of Deputy Ministers chaired by Mr. R.L. Richardson, Deputy Minister for International Trade, and including representatives from all concerned Departments. The views obtained during consultations by Mr. Burns will be taken into account in Government decisions on Canada-U.S. trade issues and Multilateral Trade Negotiations. These consultative arrangements cover the period prior to any possible negotiations and will be reviewed by the Government at the end of this phase of consultations.

Within the Department of External Affairs, Mrs. S. Ostry, Ambassador for Multilateral Trade Negotiations and the Prime Minister's Personal Representative for the Economic Summit, will continue to represent the Government in these areas and Mr. D.H. Burney, Assistant Deputy Minister (United States), will continue to represent the Government in the implementation of the Canada/U.S. issues in the Declaration adopted at the Quebec Summit.