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## MINISTER CARNEY TO VISIT THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Pat Carney, announced today that she will be visiting Indonesia from January 8-12.

Miss Carney will be participating in the fourth Asian-Pacific Trade Conference hosted by the Indonesian Government which will bring together some 55 Government Ministers, businessmen and independent experts from the Asian-Pacific region to discuss the prospects for reaching early agreements in the GATT Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN). Miss Carney said: "At the Conference, I will emphasize that rapid progress in the MTN is required to signal the determination of governments to tackle protectionism and to liberalize trade". Canada and the Asian countries have been working together to advance the MTN and, during the Conference, Miss Carney will reiterate Canada's offer to host a Ministerial level Mid-Term Review of MTN developments, possibly towards the end of 1988.

Miss Carney will also take the opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with some of her colleagues, in particular the Japanese Minister of MITI, Mr. Hajime Tamura. During the meeting, Miss Carney will discuss the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement and a range of bilateral and multilateral trade and economic matters.

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