b) developing bilateral trade relations.

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The Mixed Economic Commission provides an institutional framework for a complete airing of bilateral trade and economic issues. "From the Canadian perspective, the MEC gives us access to very senior levels in the Soviet foreign trade establishment and enables us to bring Canadian export interests to the fore", Mr. Kelleher said. Representatives of the provinces of Alberta, Ontario and Quebec will be part of the official delegation.

Mr. Kelleher will be meeting with the Soviet Foreign Trade Minister and with other ministers from the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Kelleher will be joined in Moscow by a delegation of Canadian business people who are pursuing contracts in the Soviet Union.

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