MINISTER OF FINANCE MICHAEL WILSON

Michael Wilson was born in Toronto in 1937 and educated at Upper Canada College and the University of Toronto, where he received a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He is a former executive vice-president of the Canadian investment firm Dominion Securities.

First elected to the House of Commons in May 1979, Michael Wilson was appointed Minister of State for International Trade on June 4 of that year. Re-elected to Parliament on February 18, 1980, he subsequently served as party spokesperson for a number of portfolios including Industry, Trade and Commerce; Energy; Finance and Regional Industrial Expansion. In 1983 he was a candidate for the leadership of the federal Progressive Conservative Party.

Mr. Wilson was re-elected to the House in 1988 and is a member of the Cabinet committees for Priorities and Planning; Expenditure Review; and Operations. He is Vice Chairman of the Trade Executive Committee. He was chairperson of the Caucus committee for Economic Development and Job Creation and a member of Mr. Mulroney's Council of Economic Advisors.

This will be Mr. Wilson's fifth economic summit.

