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CLARK PARTICIPATES IN ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC
COOPERATION (APEC) MEETING IN SINGAPORE - JULY 30-31

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that he will participate in the second Ministerial Meeting on Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in Singapore, July 30-31.

"I welcome this opportunity to discuss regional and global trade and economic issues with my colleagues in APEC," said Mr. Clark. "This ongoing process of dialogue, now in its second year, is developing momentum. That bodes well for the future of this promising new regional grouping."

APEC brings together ministers from twelve countries of the Asia Pacific region - Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei - to talk about trade and economic issues of global and regional importance.

Prominent on the Singapore agenda will be a discussion of the economic outlook for the region, an exchange of views on global trade liberalization and the progress of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN). Also on the agenda is the approval of a work program for APEC in the following seven areas: trade and investment data sharing, trade promotion, investment and technology transfer, human resources development, regional energy cooperation, marine resource conservation, and telecommunications.

As one of the foremost proponents of an open trading system, Canada will lead the discussion of the MTN in Singapore. Canada will also host a special meeting of APEC trade ministers in Vancouver, September 11-12 to help build regional support for a successful and comprehensive outcome to the Uruguay Round which concludes in Brussels this December.

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