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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Honourable Leon Balcer, Solicitor General of Canada, will represent Canada at the meeting of Ministers which will take place in Tokyo from Monday, October 26 to Wednesday, October 28 in conjunction with the 15th Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The 15th Session which is expected to last until November 21 will be one of the regular sessions of the Contracting Parties. These are held in the spring and fall of each year to administer the agreement and to seek solutions to particular trade difficulties between member countries. The Canadian delegation to the 15th Session will be headed by Mr. J.H. Warren, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Trade and Commerce; Mr. S.S. Reisman, Director, International Economic Relations, Department of Finance, will be alternate Chairman; Mr. L.D. Wilgress, former Ambassador of Canada to NATO and the OEEC and former Chairman of the Contracting Parties to the GATT, will be a Special Adviser. The Canadian delegation will also include officials of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Finance, External Affairs, National Revenue and Agriculture.

The meeting of Ministers will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views on major problems in the field of international trade. It is expected that the Ministers will review arrangements for the general round of multilateral tariff negotiations which are due to begin in the fall of 1960. Particular attention will also be given to the question of eliminating discriminatory import restrictions still maintained by various GATT countries; to problems in agricultural trade and the implications of regional trade arrangements.