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PETERSON TO ATTEND OECD AND OTHER MEETINGS IN PARIS

International Trade Minister Jim Peterson will attend the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Council Meeting in Paris on May 13 and 14, 2004. Among the issues to be discussed are the impact of aging populations and prospects for international trade negotiations.

Following the OECD meeting, Mr. Peterson will attend an informal meeting to be hosted by Mexico that will bring together over 25 World Trade Organization (WTO) trade ministers from developed and developing countries. The ministers will engage in discussions on key issues such as reform in world trade in agriculture and market access for goods and services. These discussions could help to further WTO members' goal of reaching framework agreements in the negotiations this July.

Media availability upon request.

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