

## Statements

*«Canada holds a very special place among the nations of the world, one that is reinforced almost daily, whether in the battlefields of Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the ravaged deserts of Somalia or in the diplomatic meeting places in Geneva or New York. Our international reputation has been hard earned throughout our 125 years together as a nation. We should take pride in our past achievements, but we also must be diligent in protecting and strengthening our own domestic unity so that we can continue to be a positive force in the world for the future.»*

An Address by the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs, to the Primrose Club of Toronto (Toronto, Ontario, September 17, 1992, No. 92/43, As Delivered)

*«Canada believes that there may be areas where we can sharpen the focus and direction of the work program by rationalizing some of the projects that have been initiated. We therefore place a high priority on the discussions that are currently under way to explore opportunities for streamlining the [Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation] work program. I would hope that we will receive practical and specific recommendations in this regard at our next meeting in the United States.»*

An Address by the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, to the Fourth APEC Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok, Thailand, September 11, 1992, No. 92/42, Check Against Delivery)

*«... Canada [is] gearing up for the transformation of Apec, from a relatively loose dialogue to a formal institutional mechanism. We are developing a more focused approach to APEC within our governmental apparatus, and are integrating APEC issues into our formal private sector consultative and advisory framework... APEC's activities are attracting increasing interest from the provinces in Canada, particularly in those areas such as education, where they have direct responsibilities.»*

An Address by the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, to the Fourth Apec Ministerial Meeting -- Item 6: Future Steps for APEC -- (Bangkok, Thailand, September 10, 1992, No. 92/41, Check Against Delivery)

*«...Our foreign policy is designed to promote a stable, prosperous global environment including the Asia-Pacific region, one that is committed to rule-based international political and economic systems, protection of human rights and adherence to international environmental agreements. That is why we have placed such a high priority on regional economic initiatives such as Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC), which has unquestionably become the primary vehicle for strengthening economic co-operation in the Asia-Pacific region.»*

An Address by the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, to the Fourth APEC Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok, Thailand, September 10, 1992, No. 92/40, Check Against Delivery)

## Upcoming Events

- September 21-22, 1992: United Nations General Assembly (New York)
- December 14-15, 1992: CSCE Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting (Stockholm)