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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that he will lead the Canadian Delegation to the regular Fall Ministerial Session of the North Atlantic Council in Brussels, Belgium, December 11 and 12, 1980.

The foreign ministers of the countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will be meeting at a time when the cohesion of the Alliance and its capability for deterrence and defence seems all the more important for stability in Europe and world peace.

Attention at the Brussels meeting is expected to focus on the present state of East-West relations in the light of the continuing Soviet presence in Afghanistan, prospects for the CSCE Follow-up Meeting in Madrid, and close consultation and cooperation among the NATO allies on matters relating to their common interests, bearing in mind that these interests can be affected by the troubled situation in other parts of the world.