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VISIT TO CANADA OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

MR. JEAN-CLAUDE PAYE

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Mr. Jean-Claude Paye, will make an official visit to Canada from April 25-26.

This visit is part of a round of consultations Mr. Paye is holding with individual member countries of the OECD to prepare the OECD Ministerial Meeting, which is being held in Paris from May 31-June 1. In the course of his stay in Ottawa, Mr. Paye will be received by the Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, and will also hold discussions with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Donald Mazankowski, the Minister for International Trade, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, and the Minister of the Environment, the Honourable Lucien Bouchard, as well as senior government officials.

Discussions will focus on international economic policy matters, the Canadian economy, debt, the environment, trade relations with developing countries, and outreach to non-OECD countries, to prepare the Ministerial Meeting. This meeting is particularly important in that it is one of the principal international economic meetings leading up to this year's Economic Summit to be held in Paris on July 14-16.

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