

Over 100 government ministers, an equivalent number of directors general and over 300 chief executive officers from around the world are expected to attend TELECOM 95. In addition, more than 4000 senior-level decision makers from 184 member countries of the ITU will be at the conference. TELECOM 91 attracted over 130 000 people, 850 exhibitors and 1700 international media personnel from 164 countries.

Canada has a long history as a world leader in the development of sophisticated yet cost-effective telecommunications technologies and services. The \$6.4 billion telecommunications products industry is a strong and dynamic part of Canada's \$49.6 billion information technology sector, responsible for 6 per cent of the country's GDP.

Minister Manley noted that there are more than 10 000 firms employing over 300 000 people in the telecommunications, software, computer services, computer peripherals and components sectors in Canada. Combined, these companies perform 35 per cent of all industrial research and development carried on in Canada. The sector grew almost twice as fast as Canada's gross domestic product in 1994.

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A complete background information kit on Canada's participation at TELECOM 95 and telecommunications capability is available.

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