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OFFICIAL VISIT OF MR. WILLY DE CLERCQ,
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S COMMISSIONER FOR
EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND TRADE POLICY
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The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the European Community's (EC) Commissioner for External Relations and Trade Policy, Mr. Willy De Clercq, will pay an official visit to Canada on April 17 to 19.

Mr. De Clercq will begin his visit in Edmonton, on April 17, with a dinner hosted by Mr. Clark where he will meet with Alberta MPs, Provincial Cabinet Ministers and prominent members of the Alberta business and arts community. The following morning Mr. De Clercq will meet Mr. Clark to review the state of the Canada/EC bilateral trade relationship, and to discuss topical agricultural trade policy issues - particularly in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations.

This visit by Mr. De Clercq occurs during the time when some of the operations of the Department of External Affairs have been transferred to Edmonton for the period of April 14 to April 20.

The Canada/EC trade and investment relationship is Canada's second largest after that with the United States. With the favourable currency realignments since the end of 1985, Canada's exports to the EC have experienced a marked increase in growth to the point where the EC is now Canada's fastest growing major export market. The Community's determined march towards the objective of a unified market

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