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CANADA AND EC HOLD BILATERAL TALKS IN OTTAWA

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that representatives of Canada and the European Communities (EC) are meeting in Ottawa, on November 29-30, for the XXIII Round of Canada-European Communities (EC) Semi-Annual Consultations. These consultations provide an opportunity for both parties to discuss a broad range of issues and have been an important element of Canada's bilateral relationship with the EC since 1972.

The EC, comprised of the ten Member States, Belgium, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, is Canada's second largest trading partner. It represents a market of some 270 million consumers and is scheduled to grow to 310 million in 1986 following the expected entry of Spain and Portugal. The EC also is the second largest source of investment capital and destination for Canadian investments abroad.

The EC delegation will be led by Mr. Gianluigi Giola, Deputy Director-General, External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities. Canada's delegation will be led by Mr. Daniel Molgat, Assistant Deputy Minister, Europe Branch, Department of External Affairs.