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APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR MARKET ACCESS CONSULTATIONS

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, today announced the appointment of a Special Co-ordinator for Market Access Consultations with business, labour and other interested parties which flow from the Quebec Trade Declaration and the Discussion Paper, "How to Secure and Enhance Canadian Access to Export Markets." Mr. Tom Burns who, until 1983 was President of the Canadian Export Association, following a lengthy public service career, has been retained to serve in this capacity. His curriculum vitae is attached.

Minister Kelleher recalled that Prime Minister Mulroney and President Reagan agreed in the Declaration adopted at Quebec on March 18, 1985:

- to call on all nations to establish a preparatory committee this summer for a new round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations to begin in early 1986,
- to chart all possible ways to reduce and eliminate existing barriers to bilateral trade, and
- to resolve specific impediments to trade, on the basis of full consultation with the private sector.

Minister Kelleher also noted that the Government Discussion Paper released on January 29, 1985, "How to Secure and Enhance Canadian Access to Export Market", sets out a range of multilateral and bilateral trade options available to Canada on market access and invites written submissions to be addressed to him. He said that he would soon conclude an extensive round of public consultations on

