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between Canada and this important regional organization. Issues to be discussed are current economic trends in Canada and in the ASEAN region, trading relations, industrial cooperation and development assistance. Consultations on international economic topics of common concern are also expected.

ASEAN conducts a Dialogue relationship with other countries including Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the USA, and with the European Economic Community. The forthcoming session in Ottawa demonstrates Canada's support for the Association of South East Asian Nations, and emphasizes the importance of the Pacific dimension in Canada's foreign relations.

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