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A Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council will be held in Paris on December 16-18. Canada will be represented by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, and the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Paul T. Hellyer. They will be assisted by the Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Mr. George Ignatieff, and the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff, Air Chief Marshal F.R. Miller, as well as officials from the Departments concerned.

While the Permanent Representatives to the North Atlantic Council in Paris meet regularly every week, Ministerial Meetings are held usually twice a year. The last regular NATO Ministerial Meeting was held in Ottawa in May; a special ministerial session took place in Paris November 18.

The forthcoming meeting will be concerned with the annual stocktaking of the NATO defence effort and a review of the international situation. It will be preceded by a meeting of the Military Committee and by a joint meeting of the Military Committee and the North Atlantic Council.