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McDOUGALL TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, will lead the Canadian delegation to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Post Ministerial Conference (ASEAN PMC) in Manila, July 23-26.

The PMC follows the annual ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, July 21-22. It brings together the foreign ministers of the six ASEAN countries and the foreign ministers of Canada, Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the United States and the European Community.

"Canada's relationship with ASEAN offers us a valuable link with Southeast Asia," said Mrs. McDougall. "It allows us to discuss our common interests and concerns about human rights, security, trade and democratic development."

On July 25, Mrs. McDougall will deliver Canada's statement on regional and international issues and concerns. In bilateral meetings, Canada and ASEAN countries will discuss Cambodia, Myanmar, security, environment and development co-operation.

ASEAN celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. Its members are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Canada has participated in the annual PMC since 1977. Two-way trade between Canada and ASEAN has doubled in the past five years and reached a high of C\$3.5 billion in 1991.

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