

the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce as well as meet the Right Honourable Ian Lang, British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr. MacLaren will be in Rome on January 25 to meet ministers responsible for foreign affairs and trade to discuss strategies aimed at strengthening Canada's economic ties with Italy and with the European Union.

"As Italy assumes the presidency of the European Union on January 1, 1996, I will take this opportunity to further exchange views on the prospects for further trade and investment liberalization across the Atlantic. The European Union and Canada have made good progress in resolving long-standing trade irritants. We must now develop an ambitious agenda to further liberalize the flow of trade and investment between us," said Mr. MacLaren.

The Minister will chair round tables on investment, joint ventures and strategic alliances with representatives of the Italian business community in Rome on January 25 and in Milan on January 26.

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