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MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

TO VISIT LUDWIGSBURG, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, will participate from March 1 to March 3 in a high level Trade and Economic Conference in Ludwigsburg, Federal Republic of Germany.

The Ludwigsburg Conference is organized by the Trade Policy Research Centre, a London-based, non-profit organization established to promote independent analysis and public discussion of international economic policy issues. The three-day conference will be hosted and chaired by the German Minister of Economics, Mr. Martin Bangeman.

Under the theme of "World Trade, Economic Recovery and Sovereign Debt", the Ludwigsburg conference will bring together Trade, Finance and Economic Ministers from various countries including Brazil, the European Community, the Netherlands, the Phillipines, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States, international organization representatives and independent experts.

Seven sessions have been planned for the threeday conference. Participants will review the state of the world economy. They will also study issues on the GATT agenda.

Mr. Kelleher expressed the hope that the Ludwigsburg Conference will contribute to further trade liberalization.