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VISIT TO CANADA OF JEAN-CLAUDE PAYE,
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OECD

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that the Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Mr. Jean-Claude Paye, will make an official visit to Canada from October 27-29.

In the course of his visit, Mr. Paye will be received by the Governor General, Her Excellency Jeanne Sauvé and the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney. He will hold talks with Ministers Clark, Wilson, Mayer, McMillan, Carney, Bouchard and Oberle. Discussion will focus on major economic and social issues of particular importance to Canada including prospects for economic growth, trade, agriculture, debt and relations with developing countries. The discussions will take place against the backdrop of the recent launch of the new round of multilateral trade negotiations and the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Canada has been a member of the OECD since the Organization was founded in 1960 and has participated actively in its work. The OECD's primary role is that of a forum for consultation and consensus building among its member countries on economic and trade questions.