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CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AT EXPO 88, AUSTRALIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Pat Carney, announced jointly today that Canada will participate in EXPO 88 to be held in Brisbane, Australia. The Exposition with its theme "Leisure in the Age of Technology" is expected to attract eight million visitors between April 30 and October 30, 1988.

EXPO 88 has been registered by the International Bureau of Expositions, in Paris, as a specialized exposition similar to Canada's own EXPO 86. It will be the centrepiece of a series of events planned next year by the Australian Federal and State Governments to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first European settlement in Australia.

Canada, the proud host of EXPO 67 and EXPO 86, the two most successful expositions of the second half of this century, has received international acclaim for its participation in other such events abroad. Canadians have acquired a reputation as leaders in world expositions.

Canada and Australia, as members of the Commonwealth, share a cultural and parliamentary heritage. Our two countries work closely together in many international fora in pursuit of shared objectives.

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