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## MACLAREN TO HOLD TRADE TALKS IN EUROPE

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will be in Europe October 15 to 25 to participate in the Quadrilateral Trade Ministers' Meeting, or "Quad", in Yorkshire, England, (Oct. 21-22) and to foster trade and investment relations with Germany (Oct. 15-17), Great Britain (Oct. 18-20), Sweden (Oct. 23) and Spain (Oct. 24-25).

Created in 1982, the Quad is formed by the ministers responsible for international trade from Canada, the European Union, the United States and Japan. It is an informal forum which meets regularly to discuss multilateral trade issues. The most recent meeting was in early May of this year in Whistler, British Columbia.

The Quad meeting in Yorkshire, chaired by Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the European Commission, will, among other subjects, consider World Trade Organization (WTO) implementation issues and the impact of regional trade initiatives on the multilateral agenda.

"At the last Quad meeting in Whistler, we talked about the need to maintain the momentum of trade liberalization," Mr. MacLaren said. "The WTO and regional trade initiatives are parallel paths to the same destination - freer trade around the world. I see this meeting in Great Britain as an opportunity to keep the ball rolling on these important matters."

In Stockholm, Mr. MacLaren will attend a major trade policy seminar chaired by the Swedish Trade Minister, Mats Hellström. Mr. MacLaren will participate in the session on "Regional Integration and Multilateral Co-operation" during which he will deliver a speech entitled: "Relating Regionalism with the Global Trading Order."

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