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TRADE MINISTER TO MEET PROVINCIAL COUNTERPARTS

The Honourable Francis Fox, Minister for International Trade, today announced plans to call on six provincial business development ministers during the week of July 9 to 13. The calls will be the first in a series of visits which will take Mr. Fox to all ten provinces and will also include meetings with senior business leaders. Mr. Fox said the purpose of his visit is to assess at firsthand, in every part of the country, Canada's strengths in international trade and the potential for increasing exports.

Mr. Fox said "Exporting is one of Canada's biggest success stories but there is still a tremendous untapped potential, many small and medium sized firms which have a world-class product or service to offer". The Minister noted that his talks with provincial business development counterparts will also focus on protectionist dangers to Canadian exports such as steel and copper in the United States and other countries. "Our role in government", Mr. Fox said, "must be to work with other governments to guarantee the existence of an open and healthy international trading environment in which business can flourish. Thousands of jobs in Canada depend on our ability to export and I see increased exports as one of the surest and fastest ways to create new jobs."

Mr. Fox will meet with provincial ministers and business leaders in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia from July 10 to 13. Visits to Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario will be announced later.