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NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he will lead the Canadian Delegation to the Autumn Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Brussels on December 8-9, 1983.

Discussions at the Ministerial Meeting are expected to focus on developments in East/West relations, including the Alliance approach to arms control negotiations. Mr. MacEachen will be pursuing, in consultation with Allied Foreign Ministers, issues related to the Prime Minister's initiative on East/West relations and international security.

The opening ceremonies of the Ministerial Meeting will be addressed by the Secretary General of NATO, Mr. Joseph Luns; and the Honourary President of the Council, External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson of France. Ministers will be electing a successor to Secretary General Luns at the conclusion of their session.

While in Brussels, Mr. MacEachen will be holding bilateral discussions with Mr. George P. Shultz, United States Secretary of State, as part of their regular meetings on Canada/U.S.A. relations.