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OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of Finance, will attend the forthcoming meeting of the Council, at ministerial level, of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), to be held in Paris, May 17 and 18.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for foreign and finance ministers from OECD member countries to review the economic situation and to identify the main elements of appropriate policy responses. Among the inter-related topics ministers are likely to address are policies for sustained non-inflationary growth within the OECD area; the international trade and payments system; relations with developing countries; and international investment issues.

The OECD comprises 24 industrialized countries and is dedicated to promoting their economic growth, sponsoring trade expansion and fostering development assistance.