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EXPORT TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD 1984 ANNUAL REPORT

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James F. Kelleher, announced today that he has received the 1984 Annual Report of the Export Trade Development Board from the Board's Chairman, Roger E. Hatch. The Minister commented on the high level of expertise amongst the members of the Board and the valuable advice which has come forward from its deliberations.

Established in 1981, the Board is comprised of Canadians knowledgeable and experienced in export trade chosen from business, labour and academia. The members represent a cross-section of Canadian regions and industries, and the public sector.

"I am impressed by the number of issues the Board has considered over the past few years", Mr. Kelleher said. The Board has a mandate, through the Minister for International Trade, to review and to make recommendations to the government on virtually any subject that impacts upon Canadian export performance.

Mr. Kelleher met with Board members at their meeting in Toronto on October 16 to discuss the subjects presently under consideration and to review plans for future deliberations. The Minister said he was looking forward to the Board's advice on export issues during the coming months, particularly as the new government has made international trade a priority.

Mr. Kelleher stressed that the federal government wants to support and encourage the export community in its international efforts. He said he was pleased the Export Trade Development Board would be available to work with him to enhance the capability of Canadian exporters and increase the level of export trade.

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