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## "QUAD" TRADE MINISTERS TO MEET IN WHISTLER, B.C., MAY 4-5

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced that the ministers responsible for international trade from the European Union, Japan, the United States and Canada will meet at Whistler, B.C., on May 4-5, 1995.

The ministers will discuss global trade policy issues at the session known as the Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting, or "Quad." The Quad, which meets once or twice a year, was created in 1982 as an informal forum for discussing trade issues.

"This year's Quad is intended to lay the ground for discussions on trade by the G-7 leaders at their meeting in Halifax in June," Mr. MacLaren said.

Discussions will focus on three priorities for the multilateral trading system:

- consolidating the World Trade Organization, the new body created to oversee international trade;
- successful completion of current negotiations left over from the Uruguay Round in areas such as financial services and telecommunications; and
- maintaining the momentum of trade and investment liberalization.

The Quad will be held at the Chateau Whistler Resort. Media facilities will be located at the nearby Radisson Glacier Lodge. Details on media accreditation, facilities and accommodation are attached.

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