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VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND OF CANADA'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

The Canadian Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Don Mazankowski, will pay an official visit to New Zealand from July 7-11, 1988.

Mr. Mazankowski will begin his visit in Wellington where he will meet with Prime Minister Lange and other members of the New Zealand Cabinet. Discussions will focus on international economic issues including the Toronto Economic Summit, the Uruguay round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations and the prospects for reform in international agricultural trade practices. Mr. Mazankowski will also reinforce the importance Canada attaches to its relationship with New Zealand. The Deputy Prime Minister will indicate that Canada fully supports the recommendations contained in a report on Canada/New Zealand relations prepared last year by the New Zealand Select Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence which calls for the relationship to be revitalized. One of the key recommendations of the report was a call for greater Ministerial contact between the two countries.

During his visit to New Zealand Mr. Mazankowski will also be seeking the expansion of two way trade and investment between Canada and New Zealand. Last year trade was valued at over \$Cdn 330 million. He will visit the Tasman Pulp and Paper Mill in Kawerau where Canadian companies are currently seeking to sell equipment. While in Auckland the Deputy Prime Minister will open a Taste of Canada Food Promotion which will feature Canadian smoked salmon; import restrictions against Canadian smoked salmon were recently lifted. Mr. Mazankowski will also host a luncheon for senior New Zealand business executives with a view to encouraging the expansion of the already substantial investment by New Zealand in Canada.

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