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## OPENING OF A CANADIAN TRADE OFFICE IN BOMBAY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, jointly announced today the official opening of a Canadian Trade Office in Bombay.

Mr. Clark remarked that "the opening of the Bombay office demonstrates the importance which Canada attaches to trade with India. The new office will significantly improve services to Canadian exporters in India's most important commercial and economic centre". Bombay is close to the heartland of India's heavy industry sector; it is the financial and business capital of India and the headquarters of key manufacturing groups.

The opening of this office is being implemented as part of the Asia/Pacific component of the National Trade Strategy. "If you look at our trade figures, you will see that Canada today exports more to the Asia/Pacific region than to all of Europe", said Mr. Kelleher, adding "this is not only a sign of the times, it is a sign of the future".