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INTERNATIONAL TRADE MINISTER TO VISIT FRANCE AND GERMANY

The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will travel to France and West Germany December 4 to 7. He will lead the Canadian delegation to the Canada - France Economic Commission in Paris, December 3, and meet with the French Minister of Industrial Redeployment and International Trade, Mme Edith Cresson. During his stay in Paris Mr. Kelleher will also address the Canada - France Chamber of Commerce on December 5.

The minister will make a brief visit to Hamburg December 5, where he will speak to the Uebersee Club, a prestigious group of West German businessmen and bankers with international interests. On December 6 he will meet in Bonn with the German ministers of Defence, of Economics and of Food, Agriculture and Forestry, and in the evening will address an invited group of leading German industrialists and financiers.

Mr. Kelleher's trip will also take him to West Berlin on December 7 to attend an Interpost Conference of Canadian diplomatic representatives in West Germany.

The minister said that the principal objectives of his trip are to discuss bilateral trade issues with ministers and senior officials of the French and West German governments, and to promote the efforts of Canadian companies to do business in these important markets. Mr. Kelleher will also use the occasion of his visit to Europe to discuss the government's recent Throne Speech and Economic Statement and to reiterate Canada's desire for increased European investment.