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POLAND'S MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION VISITS CANADA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that Poland's Minister for Foreign Economic Co-operation, Mr. Jacek Buchacz, is visiting Canada, November 26-29, with the purpose of strengthening trade ties.

After attending a seminar on Central European Markets hosted by CIBC Wood Gundy in Toronto on Monday, November 27, Mr. Buchacz will meet with Mr. MacLaren in Ottawa on Tuesday, November 28.

"Poland is becoming an important trading partner for Canada in Europe. Canadian companies are making steady progress in this fast-expanding market," said Mr. MacLaren.

While in Ottawa, Mr. Buchacz will meet with senior representatives of the Export Development Corporation (EDC) and will attend Question Period in the House of Commons. Mr. Buchacz will also travel to Montreal for meetings with senior representatives of the business community.

In 1994, Canadian trade with Poland totalled \$150 million. Canada's principal exports to Poland are machinery parts, electrical equipment, plastic articles, meat, wheat and oats, and live poultry. Its principal imports are machinery, rolled iron and steel, copper, urea, electrical equipment and sugar.

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