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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that a group of six senior officials from Canada will attend a meeting beginning tomorrow in Kingston, Jamaica, in preparation for the proposed conference of Canada and Commonwealth Caribbean countries. It is expected that representatives from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Kitts, Antigua, and Montserrat, will also be attending the Kingston meeting. They will be discussing the date, location and agenda for a full conference, at heads-of-government level, possibly later this year.

Mr. Martin said that the Canadian delegation to the Kingston meeting is headed by Mr. A. E. Ritchie, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and includes Mr. J. F. Grandy, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance; Mr. P. M. Towe, Deputy Director General, External Aid Office; Mr. R. E. Latimer, General Director, Office of Trade Relations, Department of Trade and Commerce; Mr. J. L. Manion, Chief of the Planning Division, Immigration Branch, Department of Citizenship and Immigration; and Mr. A. G. Campbell, Head of Commonwealth Division, Department of External Affairs. They will be assisted by Mr. R. Harry Jay, Canadian High Commissioner to Jamaica.