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UNCTAD VI

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he will head the Canadian Delegation to the Sixth UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD VI) which will convene in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, June 6-30, 1983. Mr. MacEachen will attend the opening of the Conference and will be one of the first speakers on June 7.

UNCTAD meets at Conference level every four years to address international trade and related problems of economic development, particularly in relation to developing countries. The theme of UNCTAD VI, which will be the major North-South forum of 1983, will be world economic recovery and development.

Canada will emphasize the importance of nurturing the fragile recovery now underway through policies which promote sustainable non-inflationary growth and which support the development efforts of developing countries. In the Canadian view, the Conference should serve to set the North-South dialogue on a constructive course and to enhance confidence in the ability of international economic institutions to address the critical problems the world is currently facing.

While in Belgrade, Mr. MacEachen is expected to meet with Yugoslav Minister Lazar Mojsov to discuss a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues.