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THIRD CANADA-USSR MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister of State (International Trade), announced today that he will travel to Moscow on May 31, 1983, as head of the Canadian delegation and Co-Chairman of the third Canada-USSR Mixed Economic Commission. The delegation will include Canadian businessmen pursuing commercial opportunities in the Soviet Union. Mr. Regan will depart from Paris where he will stop on May 29 and 30 to visit the 31 Canadian companies exhibiting their products at the Paris Air Show.

The Mixed Economic Commission was established in 1976 under the Canada-USSR Long Term Agreement on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation. The Commission is to meet annually to review the state of commercial relations between the two countries as well as to elaborate on programmes of economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation in various industrial sectors.

In 1982, Canada exported over \$2 billion worth of goods to the USSR, the majority of which was grains. During his stay in Moscow Mr. Regan will be emphasizing Canada's intentions to remain a long-term supplier of grains to the Soviet Union. At the same time he will support the efforts of Canadian firms to sell fully manufactured goods, particularly in the fields of oil and gas machinery and equipment, agricultural implements, food processing machinery and wood products engineering/consulting services and machinery.

In addition to co-chairing the Commission, Mr. Regan will meet with various Ministers whose departments have an interest in procuring Canadian products.

Mr. Regan's trip to the USSR is in keeping with Government policy to resume relations with the USSR in areas of identifiable interest to Canada.