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WILSON TO HOST QUADRILATERAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will host a meeting of trade ministers from the United States, the European Community and Japan -- the so-called Quadrilateral Trade Ministers -- on October 17 and 18 in Cambridge, Ontario.

The meeting, Minister Wilson's third with this group, will include Mrs. Carla Hills, United States Trade Representative; Mr. Frans Andriessen, Vice-President of External Relations for the European Community; and Mr. Kozo Watanabe, Japan's Minister for International Trade and Industry.

"The purpose of the Quadrilateral meetings is to provide an opportunity for informal discussions on international trade and related economic developments," said Mr. Wilson. Discussions in Cambridge will focus on the Multilateral Trade Negotiations. The meeting will also allow for a further exchange on the interrelationship between trade and the environment, and on other trade issues of mutual interest.

The Quadrilateral partners account for almost two thirds of world trade in goods and services; the U.S., the EC and Japan are Canada's major trading partners. The last QUAD meeting was held in Aizuwakamatsu, Japan, in April.

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