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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL TRADE MINISTERS TO MEET IN OTTAWA

International Trade Minister Jim Peterson will meet with provincial and territorial trade ministers on November 22, 2005, in Ottawa. The ministers will discuss the current status of the Doha Development Agenda negotiations in advance of the upcoming Sixth World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference to be held in Hong Kong from December 13 to 18, 2005.

Minister Peterson will seek additional input from his provincial and territorial counterparts on key elements of the WTO negotiations. The provinces and territories continue to play an active role in the development of Canada's negotiating positions.

Canada remains committed to the Doha Round of negotiations and will continue to seek an ambitious outcome that will contribute to the long-term prosperity of all Canadians and citizens of the developing world.

The ministers will also discuss the integrity of NAFTA and the recent announcement of the CAN-Trade initiative—the Government of Canada's proposed \$470-million investment in Canada's global competitiveness—as part of the Economic and Fiscal Update. CAN-Trade is a key part of the government's action plan for securing Canada's future prosperity.

Event: Media availability
Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2005
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: MacDonald Room
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1 Rideau Street
Ottawa, Ontario

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