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APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR MARKET ACCESS CONSULTATIONS

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, today announced the appointment of a Special Co-ordinator for Market Access Consultations with business, labour and other interested parties which flow from the Quebec Trade Declaration and the Discussion Paper, "How to Secure and Enhance Canadian Access to Export Markets." Mr. Tom Burns who, until 1983 was President of the Canadian Export Association, following a lengthy public service career, has been retained to serve in this capacity. His curriculum vitae is attached.

Minister Kelleher recalled that Prime Minister Mulroney and President Reagan agreed in the Declaration adopted at Quebec on March 18, 1985:

- to call on all nations to establish a preparatory committee this summer for a new round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations to begin in early 1986,
- to chart all possible ways to reduce and eliminate existing barriers to bilateral trade, and
- to resolve specific impediments to trade, on the basis of full consultation with the private sector.

Minister Kelleher also noted that the Government Discussion Paper released on January 29, 1985, "How to Secure and Enhance Canadian Access to Export Market", sets out a range of multilateral and bilateral trade options available to Canada on market access and invites written submissions to be addressed to him. He said that he would soon conclude an extensive round of public consultations on

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these issues which will have taken him to 15 centres across Canada. The views which have been expressed to him by business, labour and interested citizens will be discussed with provincial trade Ministers in the near future and an interim report made to Cabinet in June.

With regard to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Mr. Kelleher noted that the OECD Ministers, at meetings in Paris on April 11 and 12, had agreed to a meeting of senior officials before the end of the summer to initiate the preparatory process leading to a new round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. With regard to Canada-U.S. trade issues, the Quebec Declaration requires a report to the Prime Minister and the President by the end of September, 1985 on all possible ways to reduce and eliminate existing barriers to bilateral trade.

The Minister stated that the Special Co-ordinator for Market Access Consultations would provide "one stop shopping" for the next phase of the Government's consultations. These consultations, beginning May 15, will be confidential as required and will involve the participation of senior representatives of interested government departments. In addition there will be a small secretariat in the Department of External Affairs that will manage the day-to-day operations of the consultative process. In this way, all those seeking to convey their views on either multilateral or Canada-U.S. trade issues can do so through one central point in the Government.

Mr. Burns will report the results of his consultations to an interdepartmental Steering Group of Deputy Ministers chaired by Mr. R.L. Richardson, Deputy Minister for International Trade, and including representatives from all concerned Departments. The views obtained during consultations by Mr. Burns will be taken into account in Government decisions on Canada-U.S. trade issues and Multilateral Trade Negotiations. These consultative arrangements cover the period prior to any possible negotiations and will be reviewed by the Government at the end of this phase of consultations.

Within the Department of External Affairs, Mrs. S. Ostry, Ambassador for Multilateral Trade Negotiations and the Prime Minister's Personal Representative for the Economic Summit, will continue to represent the Government in these areas and Mr. D.H. Burney, Assistant Deputy Minister (United States), will continue to represent the Government in the implementation of the Canada/U.S. issues in the Declaration adopted at the Quebec Summit.

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consultations will be:

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Born Winnipeg, Manitoba - June 9, 1923

Educated - University of Manitoba - B.Sc.
- Queen's University - B.Comm.

- Served in the Canadian Army - 1943-45.
- Joined the Federal Public Service - June, 1947
 - 1947-48 - Department of External Affairs
 - 1948-77 - Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce

From 1948 to 1968 was an officer of the Trade Commissioner Service, posted in Berne, Switzerland; Colombo, Sri Lanka; London, England; Los Angeles, California and Washington, D.C.

From 1964 to 1967 was a senior member of the Canadian Delegation to the GATT Kennedy Round, Geneva.

From 1967 to 1977 served in a series of senior positions in I.T.&C. finally as Senior Assistant Deputy Minister. During this period was also a Director of the Canadian Commercial Corporation and the Export Development Corporation. Retired from the public service on December 31, 1977.

- From 1978 to 1983 was President of the Canadian Export Association.
- Since January, 1984 - consultant at Public Affairs International Ltd. and the International Business Research Centre of the Conference Board of Canada.