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## APPOINTMENT OF MR. RICK HANSEN AS COMMISSIONER GENERAL

### CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AT EXPO 88

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Rick Hansen as Commissioner General, Canadian participation at EXPO 88, in Brisbane, Australia. Mr. Hansen will join Commissioners General from at least 34 other nations in heading national exhibits at EXPO 88 from April 30 to October 30, 1988.

"Rick Hansen was the unanimous choice of Cabinet to head the Canadian participation at EXPO 88," stated Miss Carney. "EXPO 88 is a specialized international exposition with the theme LEISURE IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY. We wanted a Commissioner General who has solid credentials in the field of sports and recreation and would, at the same time, be an exceptional ambassador for Canada."

"Rick met all our qualifications," continued Miss Carney. "He is a distinguished athlete who has won 19 international wheelchair marathons, as well as national titles in volleyball and basketball. He has completed a degree in physical education at the University of British Columbia. During his MAN IN MOTION TOUR, Rick visited 34 countries, including Australia. He has raised more than \$20 million for spinal cord research, rehabilitation, and wheelchair sports."

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As Commissioner General, Mr. Hansen will sign the formal participation contract with the exposition authority on behalf of the Government of Canada and will be in Brisbane for key events, including opening and closing ceremonies, Canada Day and for official visits by Canadian dignitaries.

"Last March I raised the flag at the Canadian Pavilion site at EXPO 88, in Brisbane," concluded Miss Carney. "I am very pleased that I can announce today that Rick Hansen will head the pavilion".

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