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CANADA ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION AT EXPO 92, SPAIN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the International Trade Minister, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, announced today that Canada will participate at EXPO 92 to be held in Seville, Spain. The Exposition with its theme "The Age of Discovery" is expected to attract over thirty million visitors between April 20 and October 12, 1992.

EXPO 92 has been registered by the International Bureau of Expositions, in Paris, as a universal exposition similar to Canada's own EXPO 67. It will be the first "universal" exposition since EXPO 70 in Osaka, Japan. More significantly it is the first world exposition held in Europe since 1958.

Canada, the proud host of EXPO 67 in Montreal and EXPO 86 in Vancouver, two of the most successful expositions of the second half of this century, has received international acclaim for its participation in other such events abroad. Canadians have acquired a reputation as leaders in world expositions.

EXPO 92 coincides with the year of implementation of the European Single Market as well as the 500th anniversary of Columbus' landing in the Americas and the Barcelona Summer Olympics. In all, 1992 will be a banner year for Spain.

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In making the announcement, Minister Clark declared "Canada looks forward to participating at EXPO 92 as this event will bring together more than eighty nations of the world in a spirit of peace and co-operation".

Minister Crosbie added "EXPO 92 will be an excellent forum for raising Canada's profile in Europe in the year of the European Single Market". The European Community is Canada's second largest trading partner.

The theme of the Seville exposition "The Age of Discovery", will highlight human discoveries in every field of endeavour, past, present and future. Particular emphasis will be placed on innovation and technology thereby allowing Canada to showcase its expertise in fields ranging from biotechnology to cold water research.

The Department of External Affairs is responsible for Canada's participation at EXPO 92. A number of other federal government departments and agencies will also take part in the development of themes and exhibits for the Canadian Pavilion. Participation of interested provincial governments and the private sector will be major elements of the Canadian presentation.

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