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OFFICIAL CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE 1984 DAVOS SYMPOSIUM

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that Canada has been invited to be a featured country at the Davos Symposium, 26 January to 2 February, 1984, and, as such, to send an Official Delegation. Mr. MacEachen said that he has accepted this invitation from the European Management Forum (EMF) and has agreed to head the Canadian Delegation. The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister of State (International Trade), will form part of the Official Delegation, together with the Chief Executive Officers of several major Canadian firms. The EMF features a number of countries at the Davos Symposium each year. Canada, together with Malaysia, will be the featured countries at the 1984 Symposium. Each will have the opportunity to present a special program.

The Davos Symposium, organized by the European Management Forum, an independent foundation based in Geneva, is an annual event, held in Davos, Switzerland, for the chief executive officers of firms from around the world to meet and discuss the business, economic and political outlook for the current year. Concurrent with the Symposium, the EMF organizes

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the Informal Gathering of World Leaders to which representatives of governments and international institutions are invited. The Davos Symposium 1983 brought together over 500 chief executive officers and public leaders of the highest level from 52 countries. Six Prime Ministers, seventeen Ministers of Economy and Finance, and nearly all the heads of international and regional organizations of economic importance attended, taking part in discussions with the businessmen present at the Symposium and among themselves at the Informal Gathering of World Leaders on Global Economic Issues. An attendance of approximately 600 chief executive officers, largely from Western Europe but with significant representation from other areas is assured for next January's meeting.