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VISIT TO PARIS, STOCKHOLM AND MOSCOW
OF THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, announced today that he will travel to Paris, Stockholm and Moscow from June 6 to June 13, 1985.

In PARIS on Friday, June 7, 1985, Minister Kelleher will be attending the Paris International Air Show. The PIAS is the most prestigious market place where aerospace companies throughout the world present the latest in equipment systems and technology. Executives from all parts of the industry and all parts of the world, and senior officials of governments and defence services, attend this event to view and compare products and services, open negotiations and sign contracts.

The Paris International Air Show is held every second year. The 1983 exhibition attracted over 600 000 visitors from 134 countries of the five continents. June 1985 will mark the 12th time that Canada has officially participated in this event. Forty aerospace companies are expected to take part in the Canadian Pavilion.

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"The Canadian aerospace industry, in order to remain viable, must export more than 80% of its products and services to the world's markets", Mr. Kelleher said. "To do so it must rely heavily upon trade fair promotions to support its marketing efforts if it is to be seen and accepted as an important and integral part of the industry". Mr. Kelleher added he hoped that his presence at the Show will demonstrate his support for Canada's aerospace industry.

From June 8 to 10, Mr. Kelleher will attend a meeting of Trade Ministers in STOCKHOLM. This is the third in a series of meetings designed to bring together Trade Ministers from a representative group of developed and developing countries. Previous meetings were held last year in Washington and Rio de Janeiro. Ministers from about 20 countries, the Commission of European Communities, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the International Monetary Fund will attend this year's meeting. Discussions will centre on the future orientation of the international trading system.

"The thrust of our discussions will be on the implementation of the GATT work program and the contents and modalities of a possible new round", Mr. Kelleher said. A principal focus of this meeting is expected to be the need to follow-up the call from the OECD Ministerial Council and the Bonn Summit in favour of a meeting of senior officials in the GATT this summer to launch the preparatory process for a new round of trade negotiations. Mr. Kelleher expressed the hope that the Stockholm Meeting of Trade Ministers will contribute to further trade liberalization.

On June 11, 12 and 13, 1985, the Minister for International Trade will be in MOSCOW to head the Canadian Delegation at the meeting of the Canada-U.S.S.R. Mixed Economic Commission. The Agreement on Economic Co-operation between Canada and the U.S.S.R. of July 14, 1976, provides for a Canadian-Soviet Mixed Commission on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Co-operation. The Commission meets in principle once a year alternately in Ottawa and Moscow. The MEC's main tasks are:

- a) elaborating a long-term program of economic, industrial, scientific and technical co-operation;

b) developing bilateral trade relations.

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