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## VISIT TO CANADA OF THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE OF ISRAEL

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister of State (International Trade) will be meeting Monday, June 27 with the Honourable Gideon Patt, Israeli Minister of Industry and Trade to discuss a number of bilateral trade issues between Canada and Israel ranging from railway construction in Israel to government procurement, to Canada-Israel cooperation in research and development. Mr. Patt is on a 10 day visit to Canada at Mr. Regan's invitation. Accompanying him is an Israeli Trade Mission made up of eleven prominent Israeli businessmen.

Canadian sales to Israel have been increasing significantly over the years reaching their highest level in 1981 when they amounted to \$124.4 million. In 1982 exports declined to \$122 million but it is expected that the upward trend will continue in 1983.

The composition of Canadian exports to Israel reflects a good mix of agricultural products, industrial raw materials and fully manufactured products. Barley has been the most important export item and will remain so, at least for the next 2 to 3 years. Other leading exports have been crude and refined sulphur, aluminum ingots, aircraft engines, lumber, motor vehicles and synthetic resins.

Canadian imports from Israel have been on the decline since 1979 dropping from \$56.3 million during that year to \$39.8 million in 1982, a decrease of 29%. This is mainly due to a decrease in imports of gems. During the first 3 months of 1983 imports amounted to \$15 million.

Mr. Patt's tour will also take him to Quebec City, Toronto, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria where he will meet with respective provincial Ministers and business leaders.

VISIT TO CANADA  
OF THE  
HONOURABLE GIDEON PATT  
ISRAELI MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE

OTTAWA

Sunday, June 26

Local Time

1620 hours - Arrival in Ottawa  
(Flight Pilgrim 35)  
Ottawa International Airport

Greeting by:

Mr. Marc Brault  
Assistant Under Secretary  
Office of Trade Development  
Africa and Middle East

1640 hours Departure for Delta Ottawa  
361 Queen Street

Monday, June 27

Local Time

- 0930 hours - Meeting with The Honourable Gerald Regan,  
Minister of State (International Trade),  
Room 558  
Confederation Building
- 1030 hours - Meeting with The Honourable Ed Lumley,  
Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and  
Regional Economic Expansion  
Minister's Office  
11th Floor East  
The C.D. Howe Building
- 1100 hours - Signing of contracts establishing the  
Canada-Israel Research and Development Institute
- 1230 hours  
for 1400 hours - Luncheon given by the Honourable Gerald Regan,  
Minister of State (International Trade)  
Salon Rideau, The Four Seasons Hotel

- 1500 hours - Meeting with the Honourable Jean-Jacques Blais,  
Minister of Supply and Services  
Room 231  
West Block, House of Commons
- 1600 hours - Meeting with the Honourable Herb Gray,  
President of the Treasury Board of Canada  
Room 238-S  
Centre Block, House of Commons
- 1645 hours - Meeting with Senator Hazen Argue,  
Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board,  
Room 185-S, The Senate
- 1830 hours - Dinner given by The Honourable Herb Gray,  
President of the Treasury Board of Canada  
The Railway Committee Room  
House of Commons

Tuesday, June 28

Local Time

- 0815 hours - Departure from Ottawa to Quebec City  
(Quebec Aviation Flight 292)  
Gatineau Airport
- 0920 hours - Arrival in Quebec City  
Ste. Foy Airport