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## TRADE MINISTER KELLEHER TO HOLD CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, announced today that he will conduct consultation meetings across Canada in the coming weeks. "The meetings will serve as a basis for a Canadian dialogue on the challenges we face in trade", Mr. Kelleher said.

As part of its agenda for economic renewal, the Federal Government recently published two discussion papers on trade:

- How to Secure and Enhance Canadian Access to Export Markets, and
- Export Financing.

"The reasons for releasing these consultative documents are the overwhelming importance of trade in the Canadian economy and our need to assess the most effective means to promote it", Mr. Kelleher said. "Exports now account for almost one-third of our Gross Domestic Product and more than three million jobs. Every \$1 billion of additional exports means 16,000 jobs in Canada", Mr. Kelleher said.

The Discussion Papers provide a focus for consultations with the private sector and the provinces and are intended primarily to elicit views on the principal market access problems facing Canadian exporters, and on matters relating to access to the Canadian Market.

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Mr. Kelleher's schedule for his consultation meetings will be as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Date</u>
Halifax	March 19, 1985
Charlottetown	March 20, 1985
Vancouver	March 25, 1985
Calgary	March 26, 1985
Edmonton	March 27, 1985
Montreal	April 1, 1985
Saskatoon	April 16, 1985
Winnipeg	April 17, 1985
London & Kitchener	April 22, 1985
Toronto	April 23, 1985
Sudbury	April 26, 1985
Moncton	May 1, 1985
St. John's	May 2, 1985
Quebec City	May 3, 1985

Details of the consultation meetings will be provided at a later date.

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