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## VISIT OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION, WILHELM HAFERKAMP

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that the Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities responsible for External Relations, Wilhelm Haferkamp, will visit Canada from July 4 to 10 as an official guest of the Government.

Mr. Haferkamp's visit coincides with the fifth anniversary of the signing in Ottawa on July 6, 1976 of the Framework for Commercial and Economic Co-operation. The Framework Agreement was designed to facilitate economic and industrial co-operation between Canada and the European Community (E.C.) and led to the formation of a Joint Co-operation Committee (J.C.C.) which meets periodically to promote and keep under review activities between Canada and the E.C. Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Haferkamp will chair a meeting of the J.C.C. in Ottawa on July 6.

In the five years since the signing of the Framework Agreement, Canada and the E.C. have initiated a wide range of co-operative activities, especially in the forest products and metals and minerals sectors as well as in the fields of scientific research and environmental assessment. The activities are highly specialized and range from joint examination of standards for timber frame construction through jointly-funded research on coke degradation in blast furnaces to work on the standardization of pollution measurement techniques for asbestos fibres in the air. One of the objectives behind these activities is to identify and propose solutions to barriers to closer trade and investment flows between Canada and the E.C.

Extensive provincial involvement in Canada/E.C. economic co-operation, through provincial attendance at

meetings of sub-committees, is one of the features of the relationship. Dr. MacGuigan announced that because of this and in response to the interest expressed by the provincial governments, Mr. Haferkamp would also be meeting with ministers of provincial governments in Toronto, Edmonton and Victoria prior to his departure from Vancouver on July 10.