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MINISTER CARNEY TO VISIT THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

JANUARY 8-12, 1988

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Pat Carney, announced today that she will be visiting Indonesia from January 8-12.

Miss Carney will be participating in the fourth Asian-Pacific Trade Conference hosted by the Indonesian Government which will bring together some 55 Government Ministers, businessmen and independent experts from the Asian-Pacific region to discuss the prospects for reaching early agreements in the GATT Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN). Miss Carney said: "At the Conference, I will emphasize that rapid progress in the MTN is required to signal the determination of governments to tackle protectionism and to liberalize trade". Canada and the Asian countries have been working together to advance the MTN and, during the Conference, Miss Carney will reiterate Canada's offer to host a Ministerial level Mid-Term Review of MTN developments, possibly towards the end of 1988.

Miss Carney will also take the opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with some of her colleagues, in particular the Japanese Minister of MITI, Mr. Hajime Tamura. During the meeting, Miss Carney will discuss the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement and a range of bilateral and multilateral trade and economic matters.

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On January 10 to 12, Miss Carney will be in Jakarta for an official bilateral visit. She will meet with the Indonesian Trade Minister, other key Ministers and Indonesian business leaders as well as resident Canadian companies.

Building upon earlier trade efforts in this area of the world, Miss Carney will emphasize Canada's commitment to expanding its bilateral trade and investment relations with Indonesia. Trade between the two countries totalled \$355 million in 1986, making Indonesia Canada's largest trading partner among the member-states of ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations).

During her visit, the Minister expects to announce a financing arrangement to support planned commercial export activity by Canadian business. She will also address the local business community at a luncheon co-hosted by the Canadian Business Association and the Indonesian-Canadian Business Council.

Miss Carney will use this occasion to review with her Indonesian counterparts Canada's multilateral trade policy and the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement.