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WILSON TO ATTEND MTN AND OECD MEETINGS IN PARIS JUNE 2 to 3

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, will participate in the second ministerial meeting on the Uruguay Round and in the annual ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, June 2 to 3.

The Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN) meeting is the second of three meetings that started in Toronto on May 14, with the third slated for Japan in late June, leading up to the Group of Seven (G-7) Summit in Tokyo in July.

At the Paris meeting on June 2, Mr. Wilson will be continuing his consultations with U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador Michael Kantor; Japan's Minister of International Trade and Industry, Yoshiro Mori; and European Community Commissioner for External Economic Relations, Sir Leon Brittan.

"At this time, nothing would contribute more to enhancing economic growth and employment prospects than bringing the Uruguay Round to a successful conclusion," the Minister said. "We hope to build on the momentum created at the May meeting in Toronto."

At the OECD meeting, in which the Honourable Don Mazankowski, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, will also be participating, ministers will discuss trade and economic policies for sustainable growth and improved employment prospects. They will also exchange views on enhanced co-operation with non-OECD countries and on developments in Russia on political and economic reform.

"We are consulting our partners on a number of issues, including multilateral trade, the world trade environment and potential OECD membership for Mexico," Mr. Wilson said.

En route to Paris, Mr. Wilson is holding bilateral talks with Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dick Spring and addressing the Ireland-Canada Business Association in Dublin, today, May 31.

In London on June 4, Mr. Wilson will be holding informal meetings with British and Canadian bankers and investors, as well as launching a Canadian lobster promotion campaign at the Savoy Hotel.

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