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FORESTRY TRADE MISSION TO FINLAND, SWEDEN AND NORWAY

The Minister for International Trade, James Kelleher, announced today that Gerald S. Merrithew, Minister of State (Forestry) will lead a forestry trade and investment mission to Finland, Norway and Sweden, May 16 - 27, 1986.

"Canada is open for business, and that is the message that this mission will bring to these three countries". Mr. Kelleher said, "This mission is a concrete example of our determination to encourage the development of Canada's bilateral trade relations and thereby ensure this country's economic renewal".

The mission will focus on foreign investment opportunities in Canada's forest sector, technology transfer and joint ventures.

Minister Merrithew will be accompanied by senior representatives of the private sector and officials of the departments of External Affairs, Regional Industrial Expansion and the Canadian Forestry Service.

"Canada is the world's number one exporter of forest products. Our industry has a high rate of productivity and we are modernizing throughout the sector". Mr. Merrithew said, "We offer a wide array of opportunities for the potential investor and buyer of forest products and related machinery".

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This mission will give the Canadian private sector an opportunity to meet with senior forestry officials in the three countries visited, with private forestry interests, equipment manufacturers, banks and financial organizations. The mission will also visit forestry research centres and pulp and paper integrated plants.

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