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TRADE MINISTER TO ATTEND WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, announced today that she will travel to Davos, Switzerland, January 27 to attend the 1987 session of the World Economic Forum. Following the Forum she will travel to Geneva, February 1, for meetings with Arthur Dunkel, Director General of the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and with ambassadors of key GATT member countries.

In Davos, Miss Carney will attend the annual gathering of world political and business leaders as the representative of the Canadian government. The Minister will speak at a Canadian-sponsored seminar and luncheon on the theme of "The New Canada", and its economic and corporate fitness which enable it to compete effectively in changing world markets.

Miss Carney will use the opportunity of her visit, and the presence at Davos of many senior European government and corporate leaders, to affirm Canada's commitment to enhancing economic and trade relations with Western Europe through investment, industrial co-operation, transfer of technology and co-operation in research and development.

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In Geneva the Minister will outline Canada's overall trade policy approach and its priorities for the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Canada's objectives in the new Round include halting protectionism, improving market access for Canadian products, developing new rules of conduct for liberalizing agricultural trade, and strengthening the international trade system. The Minister will also meet with other countries' representatives to discuss their views and positions in the new Round. Canada's Ambassador for Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Sylvia Ostry, will accompany the Minister in these meetings.

An information kit containing further details of the Minister's trip is available from External Affairs, Media Relations Office, (613) 995-1874.