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"QUAD" TRADE MINISTERS TO MEET IN WHISTLER, B.C., MAY 4-5

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced that the ministers responsible for international trade from the European Union, Japan, the United States and Canada will meet at Whistler, B.C., on May 4-5, 1995.

The ministers will discuss global trade policy issues at the session known as the Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting, or "Quad." The Quad, which meets once or twice a year, was created in 1982 as an informal forum for discussing trade issues.

"This year's Quad is intended to lay the ground for discussions on trade by the G-7 leaders at their meeting in Halifax in June," Mr. MacLaren said.

Discussions will focus on three priorities for the multilateral trading system:

- consolidating the World Trade Organization, the new body created to oversee international trade;
- successful completion of current negotiations left over from the Uruguay Round in areas such as financial services and telecommunications; and
- maintaining the momentum of trade and investment liberalization.

The Quad will be held at the Chateau Whistler Resort. Media facilities will be located at the nearby Radisson Glacier Lodge. Details on media accreditation, facilities and accommodation are attached.

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For further information, media representatives may contact:

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Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting

Whistler, B.C.

May 4-5, 1995

Application for Media Accreditation

All media representatives wishing to cover the Quad will require a pass in order to have access to the media facilities which will be provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Accreditation is open to all bona fide news gathering agencies. Freelance media representatives must be sponsored by a recognized news agency and attach a letter of assignment. The attached application form should be completed and sent to the address noted below by **Friday April 21**. Passes will be available as of 12:00 p.m. on May 3 in the Media Centre located in the Glacier Room of the Radisson Glacier Lodge in Whistler. The Media Centre will be equipped with telephone/fax facilities (personal charges for usage), computer power sources, photocopier and cable TV monitors to keep abreast of international news. This facility is adjacent to the Chateau Whistler where the Quad will be held.

Media Activities

The Quad meetings commence on Thursday, May 4, and will conclude around noon on May 5. Current plans, which are subject to adjustment, call for a photo opportunity by the fireplace in the Mallard Lounge of the Chateau Whistler at 10:15 a.m. on May 4. A press conference will be given at the nearby Whistler Conference Centre by ministers representing the European Commission, the United States, Japan and Canada on Friday, May 5, at approximately 12:30 p.m. This will conclude the official program. The Conference Centre will have all the necessary facilities for audio/video recording and simultaneous interpretation.

Accommodation

While there are a range of possibilities for accommodation in this world-class resort town, media representatives may wish to consider staying at the Radisson Glacier Lodge, in which the Media Centre is located. The Lodge is adjacent to the Chateau Whistler. It offers one bedroom apartments with full kitchen

facilities, dining area, living room and separate bedroom. While the lodge does not have its own restaurant or room service, a number of restaurants/coffee shops are located in the adjoining complex. Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel by telephone at (604) 938-3455 or by fax at (604) 932-2176. Among other alternatives nearby is the Delta Whistler Resort: telephone (604) 932-1982, fax (604) 932-7332.

Hotel reservations and all charges including telephone/fax charges are the responsibility of media representatives.

Additional Information/Submission of Accreditation Applications

Requests for additional information and submission of accreditation applications should be directed to:

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QUADRILATERAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING

WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

MAY 4-5, 1995

APPLICATION FOR MEDIA ACCREDITATION

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AGENCY _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

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- () PHOTOGRAPHER
- () CAMERAMAN
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