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MINISTER KELLEHER

ANNOUNCES MAJOR ORDERS FOR CANADIAN AEROSAPCE

The Honorable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, today announced contract signings totalling more than 97 million at the Paris International Air Show.

The contracts included:

- a \$23 million order from the US Navy for Indal Technologies Inc. of Mississauga, Ont. to supply 14 recovery, assist, securing and traversing systems that help helicopters land safely on ships at sea;
- a \$13 million contract for Menasco Aerospace Ltd of Oakville Ont. to design, develop and produce primary and secondary flight control actuators for the Fokker 100, an advanced short-to-medium range airliner set for introduction by the Dutch company in 1987;
- a contract of almost \$1 million for Aerotech International of Winnipeg, Man. to supply portable heating systems to the Dutch and Italian armies.

In addition, Mr. Kelleher also announced that Rexdale, Ont's Garrett Manufacturing Limited had signed an agreement with companies from the United States, Italy and Spain to pursue a NATO contract for a submunition dispenser (LOCPD).

Speaking to a group of Canadian aerospace executives at the world's largest trade fair and air show, the Canadian Minister for International Trade also said he would report to Cabinet on the possible means of reducing barriers to trade between Canada and the United States. He expects to make his report before the end of June, and added that "it is my fervent hope that a new round of GATT negotiations can get underway next year."

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Earlier at the Air Show de Havilland Aircraft of Toronto announced the sale of three Dash 7s to an airline in China; Leigh Instruments signed a \$30 million deal with the Government of Canada for 40 tactical air navigation systems as well as the sale of 80 deployable crash position indicators to two British helicopter companies; Litton Systems of Toronto signed an order worth \$1.6 million dollars for inertial navigation systems for the Canadian Department of National Defence; Indal Technologies Inc. of Mississauga signed a deal worth about \$4 million with the Japanese Defence Agency for the supply of three helicopter recovery systems; Canadian Astronautics Limited of Ottawa announced the receipt of a \$300,000 contract for a tactical signal simulator to MEL of Crawley, England; and Micronav Ltd of Sydney, Nova Scotia announced a deal to supply a microwave landing system to the Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia airport.

The Government of Canada and 40 Canadian companies, a record contingent for Canada, are attending the Paris Air Show just north of the French city. The show occurs every two years and is often described as the Olympic Games of the world aerospace industry. It ends this Sunday.