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MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE TO VISIT LONDON, BUDAPEST AND BELGRADE

The Honourable James F. Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, will commence a one week official visit to the United Kingdom, Hungary and Yugoslavia on November 12, 1984.

While in London Mr. Kelleher will meet with British Government and business leaders, including the Confederation of British Industry.

He will also make the first major address in Europe on economic themes by a member of the new Government at a luncheon of the Canada-U.K. Chamber of Commerce. In his speech he will highlight Canada's new approach to foreign investment and review the Government's November 8 Economic Statement.

In his meetings as well as in his address to the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Kelleher will discuss Canadian priorities in international trade and current bilateral links with the United Kingdom, Canada's largest trading partner in Europe. In addition the Minister will promote joint trade possibilities and emphasize industrial cooperation opportunities.

During his visits to Budapest and Belgrade he will officially open new Canadian chanceries and consult with senior government officials regarding the international economic climate. On behalf of Transport Canada he will sign a Canada/Hungary Transport Agreement and a Canada/Yugoslavia Air Agreement. He will also sign an Arrangement in the Field of Veterinary Medicine with the Yugoslavia Federal Committee for Agriculture on behalf of Agriculture Canada.

Mr. Kelleher will be joined in Hungary and Yugoslavia by Canadian business representatives interested in expanding bilateral trade opportunities. The Minister will endorse private sector commercial initiatives in the fields of transportation, communications, energy, agriculture and industry. He will also discuss bilateral political and cultural interests with his hosts and outline the Canadian Government's foreign policy orientation as set out in the November 5 Throne Speech.

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During his trip he will be meeting Canadian Trade Commissioners posted abroad to review trade development efforts in their territories.

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