

Minister of Industry,  
Science and Technology and  
Minister for International Trade



Ministre de l'Industrie, des  
Sciences et de la Technologie et  
ministre du Commerce extérieur

## News Release

## Communiqué

No. 195

September 10, 1991

### **MINISTER WILSON TO ATTEND QUADRILATERAL MEETING IN FRANCE FOLLOWED BY TRADE MISSION TO IRAN**

The Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Michael H. Wilson, today announced that he will join his counterparts from the so-called Quadrilateral group -- Canada, the United States, Japan and the European Community -- in Angers, France, September 12 to 14, for informal talks on world trade developments.

The meeting will be hosted by EC Vice-President Frans Andriessen, and will include United States Trade Representative Carla Hills, and Japan's Minister of International Trade and Industry, Eiichi Nakao. It will be Mr. Wilson's first meeting with the group, which meets generally twice a year to discuss international trade issues of interest to all four parties.

"This is the first meeting of the Quadrilateral partners since the July gathering of the G-7 leaders in London," said Mr. Wilson. "At that time, all member countries made a strong commitment to make the successful completion of the Uruguay Round a top priority. Our meeting will seek ways of translating that commitment into action. Taking the opportunity to look at the post-Uruguay Round agenda, we will also be discussing the complex interrelationship of trade and environmental issues."

Following the meeting of Quadrilateral partners, Mr. Wilson will fly to Tehran, Iran, with a 22-member Canadian trade delegation, with a view to expanding trade ties with that country, primarily in the areas of energy, transportation and technology.

Mr. Wilson will lead the Canadian business delegation during two days of meetings with senior Iranian trade officials. The delegation will be hosted by Iranian Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance, Dr. Mohsen Nourbaksh.

Included in the trade mission are executives from companies representing the Canadian banking, telecommunications, transportation, energy and engineering sectors. (The list of organizations is attached).

"Iran is now Canada's most important export market in the Middle East, with significant potential for Canadian exporters," said Minister Wilson. "Increased interest in Canada by Iranian organizations, coupled with Iran's 4.5 per cent real GDP growth last year, indicates that total sales to Iran could grow to \$0.5 billion in 1991."

Canada's exports to Iran were valued at \$355.5 million in 1990. From January to May this year, the export value was \$186.5 million.

- 30 -

For further information, media representatives may contact:

Media Relations Office  
External Affairs and International Trade Canada  
(613) 995-1874

## TRADE DELEGATION TO IRAN

General Motors Market  
Development of Canada Limited  
Oshawa, Ontario

Bell Canada International  
Ottawa, Ontario

Babcock & Wilcox  
Cambridge, Ontario

Delcan International  
Corporation  
North York, Ontario

Acres International Ltd.  
Toronto, Ontario

Export Development Corporation  
Ottawa, Ontario

Klockner Stadler Hurter  
Montreal, Quebec

Petroleum Industry Training  
Calgary, Alberta

New Flyer Industries  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Stelco Inc.  
Hamilton, Ontario

Bombardier Inc., Mass Transit  
Division  
Boucherville, Quebec

Ronald A. Chisholm, Ltd.  
Toronto, Ontario

Brooks Investment, Ltd.  
Toronto, Ontario

SNC Inc.  
Montreal, Quebec

Lavalin International  
Montreal, Quebec

Spar Aerospace  
Kanata, Ontario

Canadian Commercial  
Corporation  
Ottawa, Ontario

Hatch Associates  
Mississauga, Ontario

UTDC  
Kingston, Ontario

Kilborn, Inc.  
Toronto, Ontario

ABN AMRO Bank Canada  
Toronto, Ontario

Giffels Consultants  
International  
Toronto, Ontario