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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the second session of consultations between Canada and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) will be held in Ottawa October 31 and November 1, 1977. The first session was held in Manila February 3-4, 1977.

The Canadian side will be led by Mr. J.J. McCardle, Director General, Bureau of Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of External Affairs, and will be composed of senior officials from the Departments of External Affairs, Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Finance, and from the Canadian International Development Agency.

The Government of the Philippines acts as spokesman for ASEAN in relations with Canada, and the ASEAN side will thus be led by Ambassador Modesto Farolan, Director-General ASEAN (Philippines) and will include senior officials from each of the five ASEAN member countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The ASEAN Secretariat will be represented by the Director of the Economic Bureau, Dr. Amado Castro.

The shared purpose of the second session is to continue the review and promotion of economic cooperation

between Canada and this important regional organization. Issues to be discussed are current economic trends in Canada and in the ASEAN region, trading relations, industrial cooperation and development assistance. Consultations on international economic topics of common concern are also expected.

ASEAN conducts a Dialogue relationship with other countries including Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the USA, and with the European Economic Community. The forthcoming session in Ottawa demonstrates Canada's support for the Association of South East Asian Nations, and emphasizes the importance of the Pacific dimension in Canada's foreign relations.