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## FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL TRADE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, will meet with his counterparts from the provinces and territories.

The Federal-Provincial Trade Ministers' Conference will be held in Vancouver on May 28, 1985.

Topics to be discussed will focus on:

- Follow-up to the Quebec City Trade Declaration, including Canada/U.S. trade relations and multi-lateral trade negotiations;
- A report by Minister Kelleher on his consultations across the country on access to export markets and on export financing;
- An update on the National Trade Strategy;
- Establishing greater links in federal-provincial trade activities abroad.

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Minister Kelleher finished his 15 city consultation tour of Canada on access to export markets and on export financing on May 3. "I have gained insights into the problems, aspirations and abilities of business people all over Canada, and of labour representatives as well", Mr. Kelleher said. "I think there are two main themes to what I've been hearing. That Canada has been falling behind in trade, and must catch up. And that there is intense interest, all over the country, in doing anything within reason to secure and enhance our access to world markets in general, and to the U.S. in particular."

Minister Kelleher will discuss his findings with his provincial counterparts.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Harbourside, 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

There will be a photo session at 9.00 a.m.

The ministers will then be available to the media for a news conference at 4.00 p.m. on May 28th, 1985.

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