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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GET FIRST LESSONS IN GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, Michael H. Wilson, today congratulated the sponsors of a new program called "Global Vision," which will provide selected high school students with an intensive course in global competitiveness.

Under the co-chairmanship of Terry Clifford, MP for London-Middlesex, and Senator Trevor Eyton, the program's National Advisory Board approved the names of the 80 students who will participate in Global Vision. Set to begin in July, the program will introduce young Canadians to the study of international trade and help them to understand the challenges that global competition pose for Canada's future.

"We must prepare these future decision-makers now to participate in an increasingly competitive world," said Mr. Wilson. "The young people who participate in this program will return to their communities with an appreciation for the importance of trade in ensuring Canada's prosperity."

The first two weeks of the Global Vision program will be held at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, where students will participate in a mix of academic study and practical experience. The next two weeks will be spent in Europe, visiting government institutions, a Canadian Embassy, and some of the companies with which Canada conducts trade. On their return, the participants will share their experiences with fellow students and others in their communities.

The Global Vision program, initiated by Mr. Clifford, is a joint venture of the private and public sectors. The 15-member National Advisory Board is made up of representatives from 10 corporate sponsors and five supporting government agencies. The Board will review the program at its completion and make recommendations for 1992.

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