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MACLAREN TO PUSH FOR URUGUAY ROUND IMPLEMENTATION AT QUADRILATERAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today said he will push for full and rapid implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements when he meets with his counterparts from the United States, Japan and the European Union (EU) at the Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting in Los Angeles from September 9 to 11.

He will also discuss a range of post-Uruguay Round initiatives aimed at maintaining the momentum of trade liberalization. Proposals developed among the Quadrilateral countries will pave the way for further discussion at the Group of Seven (leading industrialized countries) Economic Summit in Halifax next July.

"The Uruguay Round agreements, signed by more than 100 governments in Marrakesh five months ago, provide a framework for expanding global trade and investment," Mr. MacLaren said. "But to realize the job- and wealth-creating potentials of those agreements, governments must fully and faithfully enact implementing legislation in time for the scheduled January 1, 1995, entry into force of the World Trade Organization."

In addition to Uruguay Round implementation and the operation of the World Trade Organization, the agenda includes possible consideration of "new" issues, such as competition policies, labour and the environment, and global rules on investment.

The "Quad" will be held at the Century Plaza Hotel and Tower in Los Angeles. A photo opportunity will be provided on Saturday, September 10, at 9 a.m. There will be a news conference following the meeting, on Sunday, September 11, at 11:30 a.m., including U.S. Trade Representative Michael Kantor, Japan's Minister for International Trade and Industry, Ryutaro Hashimoto, EU Commissioner for External Economic Relations and Trade Policy, Sir Leon Brittan, and Mr. MacLaren.

Prior to attending the Los Angeles meeting, Mr. MacLaren will visit San Francisco. On September 8 he will meet with high technology industry leaders to discuss co-operation with Canadian firms. On September 9 he will address the California Council for International Trade and the World Affairs Council.

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