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## MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE APPOINTS CHAIRMAN OF TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, announced today the appointment of Walter Light, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Northern Telecom Ltd., as Chairman of a newly created private sector Trade Advisory Committee.

The principal role of the Trade Advisory Committee is to provide a two-way information flow between the Government and the private sector on multilateral and bilateral trade policy issues. In announcing Mr. Light's appointment the Minister stated, "The decision to establish a Trade Advisory Committee responds to the wish of the business community and others to have a more formal mechanism for regular consultation on trade matters with the Government.. The establishment of this consultative process will meet our urgent need to prepare for the trade development and negotiation challenges that lie ahead".

In the course of its work, it is expected that the Advisory Committee would address issues related to the on-going consideration of a Canada-United States trade initiative. It will also be asked to advise on multilateral trade negotiations expected to be initiated through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The Trade Advisory Committee will consist of 25 to 30 people, experienced and knowledgeable in trade matters. Minister Kelleher said that he was very pleased that "an individual of Mr. Light's calibre will be the Chairman of the Trade Advisory Committee". The make-up of the committee will be announced shortly. In addition, the Minister announced that it is his intention to establish in the near future a number of other advisory committees organized on a sectoral basis.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON TRADE MATTERS

The Advisory Committees are intended to be the principal channels of advice to the Government on trade issues. While information and advice conveyed to the Government by specific firms, associations and labour groups will continue to be useful and welcome, the Minister will be looking primarily to the advisory committee system as the source of private sector input on trade matters.

Biographical material on Mr. Light is attached.

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WALTER F. LIGHT

Walter F. Light, 62, is chairman of the Executive Committee of Northern Telecom Limited, Mississauga (near Toronto), Canada.

Mr. Light began his telecommunications career with Bell Canada's engineering department and held senior management positions in Toronto and Montreal. These led to his appointment in 1967 as vice-president, engineering.

In May 1969, he was named vice-president, operations, of Bell Canada and subsequently was appointed executive vice-president, operations. He held this position until his appointment as president of Northern Telecom Limited in August 1974.

On October 1, 1979, Mr. Light was appointed president and chief executive officer of the corporation. On May 1, 1982, he was appointed chairman and chief executive officer. He relinquished the position of chief executive officer on October 1, 1984, and retired as chairman on April 25, 1985. He will continue as chairman of the Executive Committee.

He was born June 24, 1923 in Cobalt, Ontario, Canada, where he received his early education. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942. Following service overseas, Mr. Light attended Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1949.

Mr. Light has received the following honorary degrees: Doctor of Laws, Concordia University, June 10, 1980; Doctor of Laws, Queen's University, May 23, 1981; Doctor in Applied Sciences, University of Ottawa, June 7, 1981; Doctor of Science, Laurentian University, September 29, 1984; Doctor of Laws, Dalhousie University, May 9, 1985; and Doctor of Engineering, University of Waterloo, May 25, 1985.

He is a director of the following companies: Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, Pennsylvania; Genstar Corporation, Vancouver; Inco Limited, Toronto; Northern Telecom Limited; Shell Canada Limited, Calgary; The Proctor & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; Moore Corporation Limited, Toronto; The Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal; and Rolls-Royce Industries Canada Inc., Montreal North.

In addition, he is a governor of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, a member of the Associates of Carleton University, a member of the EIC Advisory Board on Telecommunications, a member of the Board of Overseers of the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Mr. Light is a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada and a member of the Corporation of Engineers of Quebec, the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of Ontario, the Electrical Manufacturers Club, the C.D. Howe Research Institute, and The Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto. His clubs are The Mount Royal Club, Montreal; The Forest & Stream Club, Dorval, Quebec; The Granite Club, Willowdale, Ontario; Toronto Club, and York Club, Toronto.

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