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VISIT TO CANADA OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES COMMISSION

VICE-PRESIDENT, HENK VREDELING

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The Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities and Commissioner (Social Affairs), Mr. Henk Vredeling, yesterday concluded the Ottawa portion of his five days Canadian visit.

Mr. Vredeling, whose portfolio in the Commission parallels some of the responsibilities of the Minister of State for Economic Development, the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Employment and Immigration, had discussions with Messrs. de Cotret, Alexander and Atkey. In addition, he called on the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Among the subjects discussed by Mr. Vredeling with his Canadian counterparts were problems relating to youth employment, job creation and work sharing (with Employment and Immigration officials); positive labour adjustment (Canadian approach), industrial and economic democracy and minimum labour standards in international trade (with Labour Canada officials). In discussions with officials of the Ministry of State for Economic Development, Mr. Vredeling exchanged views regarding the Canadian experience with industry sector reviews. Mr. Vredeling, in turn, gave a résumé of the tripartite meetings and also the new development of direct bilateral contacts between the Social Partners which are a feature of the European Community's approach to Industrial Relations.

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Mr. Vredeling also met with officials of the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety with whom he discussed possibilities for the exchange of technical and scientific data on Occupational Health and Safety between Canada and the European Communities.

Mr. Vredeling had private meetings with representatives of the Canadian Labour Congress and members of the Canadian business community.

Mr. Vredeling will conclude his stay in Canada with a visit to a skills Centre operated by the Department of Employment and Immigration in Toronto and a tour of the factory of Spar Aerospace Limited.

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