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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COAL MISSION TO CANADA

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The top -level mission of European coal experts, who arrived in Canada on 14 September, are winding up their visit in Ottawa, following meetings with representatives of business and government in Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton. In Vancouver, the coal experts, led by Dr. Karlheinz Reichert, Director for Coal in the Commission of the European Communities, participated in the 32nd Canadian Conference on Coal. They were also the guests of honour at a reception hosted by Canadian Energy Minister Marc Lalonde in Vancouver.

The mission afforded the European experts the opportunity to exchange information with their Canadian interlocutors on the future coal market in Europe and on the availability of Canadian coal supplies for the European market. Participants in the discussions also explored the possibilities of technological cooperation between Canada and the European Community in developing Canada's coal resources.

In Ottawa, the EC mission will be provided with a full presentation of the federal role in the development of Canadian coal, an energy resource of rapidly increasing importance to both Canada and the European Community.

A list of the participants in the EC mission is attached.

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