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News Release

VISIT OF COMMISSION VICE-PRESIDENT WILHELM HAFERKAMP

The Head of the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, His Excellency Curt Heidenreich, has announced that the Vice-President of the Commission responsible for External Relations, Mr. Wilhelm Haferkamp, will visit Canada, 4-10 July, as an official guest of the Canadian Government.

Vice-President Haferkamp's visit coincides with the fifth anniversary of the signing in Ottawa on 6 July 1976 of the European Community/Canada Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Cooperation. The Agreement provides for the establishment of a Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) which meets periodically to promote and keep under review the various commercial and economic cooperation activities between the Community and Canada. Mr. Haferkamp and the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, will chair the fourth meeting of the JCC in Ottawa on 6 July.

In the five years since the signing of the Framework Agreement, Canada and the E.C. have initiated a wide range of co-operative activities, especially in the forest products and metals and minerals sectors as well as in the fields of scientific research and environmental assessment. The activities are highly specialized and cover joint examination of standards for timber-frame construction, jointly-funded research on coke degradation in blast furnaces and work on the standardization of pollution measurement techniques for asbestos fibres in the air. One of the objectives behind these activities is to identify and propose solutions to barriers to closer trade and investment flows between Canada and the E.C.

After his meetings in Ottawa, Mr. Haferkamp will travel West for discussions with provincial government and business leaders. In Toronto Mr. Haferkamp will meet with Ontario Premier Bill Davis and his Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs, Tom Wells, and he will deliver a major speech on "The European Communities and Canada: Perspectives for the 1980s" to a business luncheon organized by the British-Canadian Trade Associates and other Trade and Commercial Organizations involving EC Member States. Mr. Haferkamp will then proceed to Alberta for discussions with Premier Peter Lougheed and other ministers of the provincial government, and then to British Columbia for talks with Premier Bill Bennett and BC ministers.

Please find attached the curriculum vitae of Mr. Haferkamp.

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