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COMMISSIONER RICHARD TO VISIT CANADA TO ATTEND MEETING
OF OECD LABOUR MINISTERS

Mr. Ivor Richard, Commissioner in charge of Employment and Social Affairs, will visit Canada on the occasion of the meeting of the "Copenhagen Group" of OECD labour ministers in Halifax, 27-28 September 1981.

The Copenhagen Group brings together for informal discussions, at least once a year, a dozen ministers from member countries of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, plus the European Commissioner for Social Affairs and the OECD Secretary-General. The Group is named after the location of the first meeting in 1978, on the initiative of Mr. Sven Auken, Denmark's minister of labour. Since then meetings have been held in Washington (1979) and in Dortmund and Paris (1980).

The participants at the meeting will discuss the current economic situation, collective bargaining and ways to create jobs.

Previous to his entry into the European Commission in January of this year, Mr. Richard had served as a Labour Party member of the British Parliament and as the United Kingdom's ambassador to the United Nations.

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