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COMMON MARKET PRESIDENT MALFATTI TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 13 -- Franco Maria Malfatti, President of the Commission of the European Communities, will pay an official visit to Ottawa this week to discuss trade relations between Canada and the Common Market.

The visit, from Sept. 15 to 17, will be Mr. Malfatti's first official visit to Canada since he became President of the Common Market Commission in July, 1970.

He is scheduled to confer with Prime Minister Elliot Trudeau and other Canadian leaders primarily on trade matters, particularly in the context of the anticipated expansion of the European Community from six to ten countries. Canada, as a member of the Commonwealth, has sought assurances that its foreign trade would not be adversely affected by Great Britain's entry into the Common Market.

Mr. Malfatti will arrive in Ottawa on Tuesday evening, Sept. 14. He will be accompanied by Mr. Emile Noel, Secretary General of the Commission and Mr. Renato Ruggiero, the President's chief executive assistant.

The Commission President is also scheduled to meet with Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Mitchell Sharp, who during his visit to the Commission at Brussels in December, 1970, had extended the invitation for Mr. Malfatti to come to Canada. Others with whom Mr. Malfatti is expected to talk are Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and Gerin-Lajoie, President of the Canadian Agency for International Development.

The Commission President will return to Brussels on Saturday, September 18.

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