

MacLaren named to post on Canada-Europe panel

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Former international trade minister Roy MacLaren has been appointed the Canadian Chair of the Canada-Europe Round Table for Business (CERT), it was announced yesterday. CERT is a bilateral business forum promoting trade and investment between Canada and the European Union. It was founded in 1999. Mr. MacLaren, also a former High Commissioner to Britain, said yesterday that while trade bonds between Canada and Europe are strong, "There is much more work to be done to facilitate further trade and investment activities." The European chair is Baron Paul De Keersmaecker, chairman of the Belgian beer giant Interbrew SA.