



## **PRIME MINISTER**

**FOR MEDIA**

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I will be visiting Europe from 5 to 17 June 1991. The visit will include Geneva, Paris, London, Luxembourg, Bonn and Berlin.

I will be having discussions with GATT Director-General Dunkel in Geneva; with Prime Minister Rocard and the French Trade Minister in Paris; with Prime Minister Major and other Ministers in London; with Prime Minister Santer of Luxembourg, and with the President of the European Commission, Mr Delors, in Luxembourg; and with President Weizsaecker, Chancellor Kohl and German Ministers in Bonn.

While in London, I will attend the two-day meeting of the Commonwealth High Level Appraisal Group which will consider Commonwealth priorities for the 1990s and beyond.

I will launch the Paris chapter of Australian Business In Europe, a new group which will bring together businessmen with a common interest in expanding Australia's trade and economic relations. I will also be addressing the Federation of German Industries in Cologne.

In Geneva, I will address the United Nations Conference on Disarmament. Australia is internationally respected in disarmament forums and has a contribution to make, especially in the area of chemical weapons.

In Germany, I will visit both Bonn and Berlin, and the state of Brandenburg in the former East Germany.

At a time when Europe is reassessing its role and priorities in the aftermath of the Gulf War and when a single European Community market is close to realisation, the visit will provide important opportunities for me to promote Australia's developing relations with the new Europe and to raise Australia's concerns about the European Community's agricultural subsidies and our interest in a successful completion of the Uruguay Round.