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NOTE TO NEWS/PICTURE EDITORS
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SCOTTISH/FRENCH BLOOD TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
TO BE SIGNED IN EDINBURGH

A technology exchange agreement between the French and Scottish National Blood Transfusion Services will be signed at the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service Headquarters at Ellen's Glen Road, Edinburgh on Friday, May 3, 1991 at 1010 hours.

This agreement will enable the SNBTS to produce a higher potency Factor VIII - a blood clotting agent used to treat haemophiliacs - which will be available for clinicians to prescribe in Scotland.

Among those attending the ceremony will be Dr Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, National Health Service for Scotland, Mr James Donald, General Manager, NHS in Scotland Common Services Agency; Mr David McIntosh, Divisional General Manager, SNBTS as well as Dr Jean-Jacques Huart, Director of the French Blood Transfusion Service at Lille and M. Luc Silvert, Director of International Relations at the French Blood Transfusion Service at Lille.

News Release



The ceremony which will include a formal signing of the agreement, a champagne toast and a tree planting ceremony will be preceded by a briefing for the media on the work of the SNBTS and tour of the facilities at 0940 hours.

You are invited to be represented.

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