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CAMEROON-CANADA BILATERAL COMMISSION

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, announced today that the Second Session of the Cameroon-Canada Bilateral Commission would be held in Ottawa, from May 6 to 8, 1985. Mrs. Vézina will co-preside the deliberations with H.E. Mr. William Eteki Mboumoua, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The First Session of the Commission was held in Yaoundé, in April 1982; it had been established following the official visit made to this country by the Right Honourable Joe Clark in July 1979. Cameroon is one of Canada's oldest partners in Sub-Saharan Africa and our oldest in Francophone Africa. The Bilateral Commission serves as a framework for discussions on the state of our bilateral relations. During this session, the Ministers and their delegations will have an opportunity to review many important international questions, particularly those pertaining to Africa. There will also be an opportunity to review and define the broad objectives of our economic cooperation Programme for the coming years, as well as to discuss economic and commercial exchanges between the two countries.

This Session will be followed immediately by Economic Seminars, which will be held from May 8 to May 17, organized by the Cameroon Government with the collaboration of the Department of External Affairs. A delegation comprising five ministers will come to Canada for this occasion, led by H.E. Mr. Youssoufa Daouda, Minister of State for Planning and Land Management. Those Seminars will be held in Ottawa on May 8; in Vancouver on May 9, 10 and 11; in Toronto on May 12 and 13, and in Montreal, on May 15, 16 and 17. The principal objective of these Economic Seminars is to bring to the attention of the Canadian public, and especially of the business community, the commercial and economic possibilities, which this country offers.