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VISIT TO CANADA OF MR. LOUIS-GASTON MAYILA,
MINISTER AND SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GABON

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that during his visit to Canada from October 20 to 31, Mr. Louis-Gaston Mayila, Minister and Secretary General of the Government of the Gabonese Republic, will meet with the Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, and the Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of State for Small Business. Working meetings are also planned in several departments and at the Canadian International Development Agency.

The schedule of Mr. Mayila's visit includes meetings with the business world in Toronto on October 24 and Montreal October 25 to 28. In Montreal, Mr. Mayila will also have discussions with His Worship the Mayor, Jean Drapeau. He will go to James Bay on October 29 to tour the important hydro-electric project there. Mr Mayila will visit Quebec City on October 30 where he will have talks with authorities of the Government of Quebec.

Mr. Mayila's visit to Canada provided him with an opportunity on October 21 to sign, on behalf of the Government of Gabon, a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Canada-Gabon bilateral commission. The Honourable Pierre De Bané signed the Memorandum on behalf of the Government of Canada. The objective in setting up the bilateral commission is to promote relations between Canada and Gabon in all fields of common interest. Meetings of the commission will usually be conducted at the level of officials, in Ottawa and Libreville alternately.