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VISIT OF SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER

The Department of External Affairs announced that the Foreign Minister of the Sudan, Dr. Mansour Khalid, will visit Canada from July 25 to August 7 at the joint invitation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Jean Chrétien. This is the first such visit to Canada by a high-ranking member of the Government of the Sudan.

In Ottawa the visiting Sudanese delegation, which includes officials from five government ministries, expects to hold discussions on a wide variety of bilateral economic interests, including trade and technical co-operation. Discussions will also focus on political subjects, including prospects for peace in the Middle East, and on the strengthening of general bilateral relations.

After an initial three-day stay in the capital, Dr. Khalid and his delegation will visit several provinces where they will meet with representatives from the provincial governments and the private sector. They will discuss the numerous commercial and investment opportunities the Sudan may offer to interested Canadian firms willing to take advantage of the Sudan's vast economic promise as potentially one of the world's great food-producing countries.

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