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The Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister for External Relations, announced today that the second session of the Canada-Algeria Intergovernmental Commission was held in Algiers on April 19, 20 and 21, 1982. The Canadian delegation was headed by Mr. De Bané. His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Khellef, the Algerian Minister of Commerce, and His Excellency Mr. Ali Oubouzar, the Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, headed the Algerian delegation.

During his stay in Algeria, Mr. De Bané held talks with Mr. Ben Ahmed Abdelghani, the Prime Minister, Mr. Rabah Bitat, President of the National People's Assembly, and several Algerian ministers. Mr. De Bané also inspected a certain number of projects being carried out by Canadian companies.

The Chairmen of the Commission reviewed the state of bilateral relations between Canada and Algeria, and were pleased to note the increased cooperation and the spirit of mutual understanding and friendship that had developed. They expressed a common desire to further outline the objectives of economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation in order to find better ways of making even more substantial progress in the interest of both parties.

Both parties were pleased with the formula of government-to-government sectoral agreements that was being used, and noted with satisfaction that an initial agreement of

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