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CANADA CONTRIBUTES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION IN GUINEA

Francis Fox, Minister for International Trade, today signed a project agreement with H.E. Chef de Bataillon Abdourahamane KABA, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Guinea. This project agreement, for a project financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), will permit Guinea to acquire Canadian goods and services for a total value of \$21.6 million, including a DASH-7 aircraft from de Havilland Canada Ltd.

Canada recognized Guinea some twenty years ago, but a Canadian Embassy was opened in Conakry only in 1983. For many years now, Canadian companies such as Alcan and Noranda have participated in the development of the mining sector in Guinea, and this participation in joint ventures with the Guinean state provides the bulk of Guinea's exports of bauxite to Canada. Moreover, a growing number of Canadian companies wish to participate in the development of large scale projects in different sectors, notably those of transportation, energy, communications, mining and construction, where Canadian capabilities are recognized worldwide.

In 1981 Guinea became a country of concentration for CIDA's bilateral development programme. The civil aviation sector is one of two priority areas for CIDA's activity in this country. The civil

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