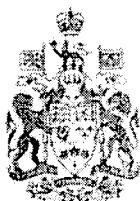


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ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS OTTAWA

The Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, announced today that the Zambian Foreign Minister, the Honourable Vernon J. Mwaanga, will visit Ottawa from September 30 to October 3. This is his first visit to Ottawa since being appointed Foreign Minister by President Frederick Chiluba last October.

"I am looking forward to meeting with Mr. Mwaanga to reaffirm Canada's support for the fundamental political and economic reforms being implemented in Zambia," said Mrs. Landry. "We will also review the food and other aid that Canada is providing to Zambia and other Southern African countries, which are being severely affected by the worst drought in decades."

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, met with Mr. Mwaanga last week at the UN General Assembly in New York, where their discussion focused on the situation in South Africa. Mr. Mwaanga is a member of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa, which is chaired by Mrs. McDougall.

While in Ottawa, Mr. Mwaanga will meet with the the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Guy Charbonneau, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable John Fraser.

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