

The Quebec Department of Intergovernmental Affairs will cooperate with CIDA in establishing, in Quebec City, a support group headed by a Coordinator. This group, made up of experts in various scientific and technological fields will participate in drawing up the agreement between Canada and Morocco, which will consist of a detailed plan of the works to be undertaken, an operational schedule and an estimate of the project costs. The support group, in concert with CIDA, will see to the recruitment of a Director and of a working group who will be responsible for effecting project implementation in Morocco, in collaboration with the Moroccan authorities, and will supply the technical and professional support needed to determine the most effective means of realizing and supervising implementation of the project.

Mr. Ernest Mercier, adviser to the Quebec Cabinet, has been selected, by mutual agreement, as the Project Coordinator. He is familiar with the DERRO Project, having been a member of the 1968 Study Mission.

Similarly, the Canadian International Development Agency, with the agreement of the Government of Quebec, has named an Administrator responsible for the Canadian participation in the project; he is Mr. Adélarde Gascon, special adviser in CIDA. The Administrator, to whom the Director and his working group will be directly responsible in the implementation of the project in Morocco, will have overall responsibility for the entire project. In this capacity, he will serve as the link between various groups and teams engaged in carrying out the project, such as the Coordinator and his support group, the Director and his working group in Morocco, as well as the Moroccan authorities concerned and the services of the Canadian Embassy accredited to Morocco. Biographical notes on Mr. Mercier and Mr. Gascon are attached.