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The Honourable Paul Martin, Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, has announced that Dr. Benjamin N'goubou, Minister of National Education of the Republic of Gabon and former Minister of Foreign Affairs has come to Canada at the invitation of the Canadian Government.

The Minister, who was accompanied by Mr. Jean-Louis Messan, arrived in Ottawa on the evening of June 25. In the morning of the 26th he met with the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, and with the Parliamentary Secretary of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer, who was also the host at a luncheon in his honour. In the afternoon he was received by the Secretary of State, the Honourable Gérard Pelletier and visited the Canadian International Development Agency.

The talks were held in a cordial atmosphere and dealt in particular with the development of relations between the two countries, economic development and franco-phone solidarity.

Dr. N'goubou is leaving Ottawa this evening for a visit to Quebec City.