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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE
AGENCY FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION (ACCT),
LIBREVILLE, GABON, DECEMBER 7-9, 1981

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today that the Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and Adviser for Francophone Affairs to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, will lead the Canadian delegation to the General Conference of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation to be held in Libreville, Gabon, from December 7 to 9, 1981. The delegation will include officials from Quebec and New Brunswick which are represented at Agency meetings in their capacity as participating governments. One adviser each from the governments of Ontario and Manitoba will also be in the delegation.

The objective of the General Conference will be to review the activities of the Agency in the area of cultural and technical co-operation since the last regular general conference held in Lomé, Togo, in December 1979, and to make recommendations for the future. Specifically, it will approve a programme and a budget for the period 1982-1983. The Conference will also elect a new Secretary-General: the second term of Mr. Dankoulodo Dan Dicko, the present Secretary-General, expires at the beginning of 1982. The number of member states, associate states and participating governments is now 34, whereas it was only about 20 when the Agency was created in 1970.

The General Conference will be preceded by a regular meeting of the Board of Directors from December 2 to 5.