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CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF LA FRANCOPHONIE IN MALI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, will lead the Canadian delegation at the Ministerial Conference of la Francophonie in Bamako, Mali, December 7 to 9.

The conference, an immediate result of the latest Francophone Summit, held in Mauritius last October, will give the ministers an opportunity to take stock of the co-operative programs among Francophone countries and of the future of la Francophonie. This will be the third such conference since the institutional reforms adopted at the Chaillet Summit in November 1991.

After consultative meetings with the heads of the Quebec and New Brunswick delegations, Mr. Dupuy will meet in a bilateral capacity with Alpha Oumar Konare, President of the Republic of Mali; Jacques Toubon, France's Minister of Culture and la Francophonie; and Jean-Louis Roy, Secretary-General of the ACCT.

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