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VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE BAHAMAS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today that the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Bahamas, Sir Clement T. Maynard, will pay an official visit to Canada on November 4. This is the first official visit by a Bahamian Foreign Minister since the Commonwealth country achieved independence in 1973.

"Canada and the Bahamas share a common democratic parliamentary tradition and are fellow members of the Commonwealth. This visit allows us to identify ways for greater co-operation in the future," stated Mrs. McDougall.

The Ministers will discuss matters of bilateral and regional interest, including Organization of American States (OAS) efforts to restore democracy in Haiti following the coup d'état.

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