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OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER

PARTICIPATION OF MINISTER JEANNE SAUVÉ
TO THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE
FOR SCIENCE POLICY OF MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE
"AGENCE DE COOPÉRATION CULTURELLE ET TECHNIQUE" (ACCT)

The Department of External Affairs announced today that in a statement delivered at the opening of the first Conference of Ministers responsible for science policy of member countries of the "Agence de coopération culturelle et technique" (ACCT) being held in Luxembourg, September 23, 1977, the Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Head of the Canadian Delegation and Vice-President of the Conference, informed the representatives of the Francophone countries gathered for the occasion of "the unqualified support of Canada for the proposal for intensified scientific cooperation between member countries of the 'Agence de coopération culturelle et technique' (ACCT)".

On behalf of the Canadian Government, Madame Sauvé put forward several propositions aimed at defining a specific role for the Agency in this area. She suggested increasing the Agency's share for scientific cooperation within the general budget.

The Minister also emphasized the determining role of science and technology in the economic, social and cultural development of member countries of the Agency, particularly of those developing country members.