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## OFFICIAL VISIT TO TUNISIA OF MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Honourable Jean Luc Pepin, Minister for External Relations, was in Tunisia on an official visit April 22 to 25, 1984.

With the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohamed Mzali, and with a number of Tunisian ministers, Mr. Pepin reviewed a series of international issues of common interest and took stock of Canadian-Tunisian relations, putting special emphasis on commercial relations and on the cooperation programme. The Minister underlined Canada's willingness to participate fully in Tunisia's development, noting particularly the possibilities of technological transfers, the competitiveness of Canadian offers backed by CIDA and EDC lines of credit, as well as the willingness of Canadian authorities to look at new mechanisms for the cooperation programme which would supplement those already in place.

During his stay in Tunis, Mr. Pepin also signed a protocol for the provision of emergency food aid worth \$5.0 million.

The Minister took advantage of his trip to meet with Mr. Chedli Klibi, Secretary General of the Arab League, with whom he reviewed the political situation in the Middle East and in the Maghreb.

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