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OUELLET ANNOUNCES CANADIAN VISIT OF ACCT SECRETARY-GENERAL

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that Mr. Jean-Louis Roy, Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT), will pay a working visit to Canada from April 24 to 26. During his Ottawa visit, Mr. Roy will meet with Prime Minister Chrétien and Minister Ouellet.

"These meetings will give us an opportunity to confirm our support for Mr. Roy and the extraordinary job of revitalization he has done since 1989, and to congratulate him on the vote of confidence given him by the whole international Francophone community in renewing his mandate for a second term," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Roy will have working sessions with Mr. Michel Dupuy, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, and with Mrs. Huguette Labelle, President of the Canadian International Development Agency. He will also pay a visit to the Francophone Information Bank, a major project generated by the first Francophone Summit in Paris, which has become a decentralized program of the ACCT and is headquartered in Heritage Canada.

Mr. Roy was elected to the position of Secretary-General of the ACCT at the December 1989 General Conference, held in Ottawa, and had his mandate renewed last December in Bamako, Mali. The ACCT, which is headquartered in Paris, is the only intergovernmental organization of la Francophonie and has 45 member states and participating governments.

Mr. Roy's Ottawa visit will be followed by visits to Quebec and New Brunswick, which have participating government status in the ACCT, where he will meet with provincial authorities.

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