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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF U.N. INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH TO VISIT OTTAWA

The Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of State (External Relations), announced today that Mr. Davidson Nicol, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will visit Ottawa November 15 and 16 to discuss the work of UNITAR and Canada's role. He will meet with Minister Lapointe, and with senior officials of the Department of External Affairs, the Canadian International Development Agency and the International Development Research Centre, and will also visit Carleton University.

UNITAR's training programs cater to development professionals, diplomats and U.N. personnel, while its research studies focus primarily on development, international law, energy, and evaluations of U.N. organizations. Canada has been involved in a number of UNITAR's activities since its creation in 1963, and has a representative on its Board of Trustees. Mr. Nicol, a citizen of Sierra Leone who has headed the Institute for ten years, last came to Canada for a UNITAR conference on energy in 1979.