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VISIT TO CANADA OF MR. JEAN-MARC LEGER
PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
AGENCY FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced that Mr. Jean-Marc Léger, Provisional Executive Secretary of the "Agence de Coopération culturelle et technique" (Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation), will visit Ottawa from Monday September 8.

During the first Conference of partly or wholly French speaking countries convened at Niamey by President Diouri of Niger in February 1969, and at which Canada took an active part, it was decided to study the creation of an Agency for cultural and technical co-operation, and to appoint Mr. Léger Provisional Executive Secretary. His visit falls within the framework of the consultations he has undertaken since the Niamey conference with countries which might participate in the Agency .

In Ottawa Mr. Léger will be received by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, with whom he had discussions last May. Mr. Léger will also meet Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer, Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and will have working meetings with senior officials. These meetings will concern the Agency and its activities.

A short biography of Mr. Léger is attached.