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## VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO IVORY COAST

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, completed the first leg of his African tour today in Abidjan. Mr. Clark was received by his Ivorian counterpart, Mr. Siméon Aké, with whom he discussed international and bilateral politics.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs was then received by Mr. Félix Houphouët-Boigny, the President of the Republic of Ivory Coast, at his private residence.

The President and Mr. Clark exchanged views on the political situation in Africa, including events in Southern Africa and the various regional conflicts, and on the world economic situation, especially as it affected Africa, touching on commodity prices, the debt of African countries and the efforts being made by these countries to restructure their economies. Mr. Clark repeated the Canadian government's invitation to President Houphouët-Boigny to lead his country's delegation to the summit of countries using French as a common language to be held in Quebec City this September.

Mr. Clark leaves today for Lusaka, the second stop of his current visit to Africa.