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VISIT TO CANADA OF THE ALGERIAN MINISTER OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH,  
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The Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of State (External Relations), announced today the visit to Canada of His Excellency Abdelhak Brerhi, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Algeria. The Secretary of State, the Honourable Serge Joyal, will be the official host of the Minister and his delegation for their one-week stay in Canada during which they will visit Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec. Mr. Brerhi will also have talks with the Minister of Communications, the Honourable Francis Fox.

The Algerian Minister's visit reflects the ever-increasing cooperation between Canada and Algeria and will enable both countries to explore new forms of exchanges in the technical and scientific fields. The Minister and his delegation will take a first-hand look at Canadian resources in the fields of higher education, educational technology (data banks, Telidon), applied research in communications (satellites, fibre optics) and scientific information processing and distribution. Minister Brerhi will travel to Toronto where he will be able to familiarize himself with Canadian nuclear power technology by visiting the Pickering plant. The Algerian delegation will also travel to Quebec City where they will be the guests of the Quebec government.

His Excellency Abdelhak Brerhi's visit to Canada will be the occasion for both countries to sign an important cooperation agreement that is the result of the exceptional development of our bilateral relations over the past decade. Algeria now ranks as Canada's 12th most important commercial partner in the world, and most important market in Africa.