

Dr. MacGuigan will be received by the President of the Republic, H. E. Alessandro Pertini, and will have talks with Vincenzo Scotti, Minister responsible for the reconstruction programme in the earthquake zone. He will visit the affected region on May 7 to see the progress of the work, and to consult the responsible officers on site.

The External Affairs Minister will also take advantage of his stay in Rome to meet the Director General of the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and discuss Canada's interest in the world food programmes and agricultural development. Canada has been a member of FAO since the organization was set up at the Quebec Conference in 1945.

Dr. MacGuigan will devote the day of May 8 to meetings at the Holy See, where he will be received in a private audience with the Holy Father. He will also be received by the Secretary of State, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, and will have an exchange of views on the international situation with Monsignor Achille Silvestrini, Secretary of the Council for the Public Affairs of the Church. He will have talks with Cardinal Bernardin Gantin, President of the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace, on human rights as well as on development and social justice issues.