

The digital switching equipment purchased by the Kingdom of Morocco is on the leading edge of modern telecommunications technology and, as such, will accelerate the development of its telecommunication systems so vital for continued growth and prosperity. The training and development package offered by Bell Canada International not only ensures the development of Moroccan human resources, but also demonstrates the Canadian commitment to transfer technology to its economic partners in the Third World.

The awarding of this contract to a Canadian firm has reinforced our already excellent bilateral relations with Morocco on the economic, political, cultural fronts. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I wish to express my appreciation to the Kingdom of Morocco for choosing Canada to participate in the first phase of the modernization and development of its telecommunications system. And once again, I wish to congratulate BCE Inc. and Bell Canada International for winning this contract.