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At the invitation of the Canadian government, His Excellency Mr. Martin Bongo, Minister of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation for the Gabonese Republic, paid an official visit to Canada November 29 - December 2, 1983.

During his visit, the second session of the Canada-Gabonese Bilateral Commission took place in Ottawa November 30 - December 1, 1983.

The Canadian delegation was chaired by the Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister for External Relations.

The Gabonese delegation, which on this occasion was chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, included, among others:

- His Excellency Divungi-Di-NDingue, Minister of Energy and Water Resources
- His Excellency Mamadou Diop, Secretary of State to the Minister of Economy and Finance

As well as Ottawa, the Gabonese Minister and his delegation visited Toronto, where they received a warm welcome from government officials. They were received on Friday, December 2, in Montreal by officials of the government of Quebec.

Mr. Bongo met with the Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, with the Honourable Serge Joyal, Secretary of State, and with officials of the Export Development Corporation (EDC).