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counterpart that will establish the main themes for Canadian intervention in the development of Niger. The agreement is also part of an effort to establish a new socio-ecological balance in the Sahel, a subject that has recently been examined extensively in reaction to the repeated periods of drought that have stricken the countries in the region. Niger is striving to conquer this blight and has recently launched some original projects for food self-development.

The delegation led by Mrs. Vézina will consist of Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon, MP for Beauharnois-Salaberry and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for External Relations, Mr. Marc Brault, Assistant Deputy Minister for Africa and the Middle East in the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Pierre Racicot, Vice President of the Francophone Africa Branch in the Canadian International Development Agency, and Mr. Robert Letendre, Mrs. Vézina's Chief of Staff.