

The Minister of Supply and Services, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer, and the Commissioner of State for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Citizen Umba-Di-Lutete, reviewed various issues related to the political situation in Africa. Among others, they recalled the role of the United Nations in Africa and, in particular, the conflicts between the peoples of Southern Africa. In that context the Executive Council congratulated the Canadian Government for the active part it has taken in the negotiations aimed at finding a solution of the Namibian problem.

The two Ministers also agreed that it was important for industrialized countries to ensure adequate transfer of technology to developing countries. Similarly they underlined the importance for developing countries to set up basic scientific research facilities and technological processes adapted to their own conditions. In that context the two parties underlined the importance of consulting one another, exchanging information and co-operating, particularly in the field of forestry, energy and agriculture.

The two Ministers acknowledged the reciprocal desire of the two governments to promote trade relations between the countries and agreed to recommend to their respective governments an increase in commercial exchanges by all appropriate means including specialized missions.

In the field of bilateral aid, Minister Goyer reaffirmed the determination of the Canadian Government to be associated with development projects in priority sectors identified by the Executive Council, i.e., forestry, agriculture and hydro-electric energy. In that connection, the Minister of Supply and Services of Canada, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer, and the Commissioner of State for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Citizen Umba-Di-Lutete, signed a general agreement for development co-operation and several specific agreements related to it, i.e.:

- a loan agreement concerning "FORESCOM"
- a special agreement related to technical assistance to "FORESCOM"
- an amendment to article one of the special agreement on SPIAF (Service permanent d'inventaire et d'aménagement forestier) for increased Canadian participation
- a special agreement on a project for animal husbandry in the Ituri region
- a special agreement on the training of mechanics for the Department of Roads
- a special agreement on the implementation of a pre-feasibility study of integrated development in the central basin of Zaire