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EGYPTIAN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Egyptian Minister of Public Enterprise Sector, His Excellency Dr. Atef Mohamed Ebeid, will pay an official visit to Canada from June 19 to 23.

Dr. Ebeid, who is also Minister of State for Administrative Development and the Environment, will visit Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. In addition to meeting with Mr. Ouellet, Dr. Ebeid is expected to hold discussions with his Canadian counterparts, including the Minister for International Trade, Roy MacLaren, the Minister of the Environment, Sheila Copps, and the Minister Responsible for Public Service Renewal, Marcel Massé. Dr. Ebeid will also meet with senior officials of the Canadian International Development Agency.

The Egyptian Minister's agenda will include round table meetings in Montreal and Toronto with groups doing business in Egypt.

During his meeting with Mr. Ouellet, Dr. Ebeid is expected to discuss general bilateral relations and areas of mutual interest, particularly economic matters. Egypt is a member of La Francophonie and the Organization of African Unity. A leading participant in the Middle East peace process, Egypt is a member of the Middle East Refugee Working Group, which is chaired by Canada.

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