

The talks, which were held in a spirit of solidarity and mutual respect, indicated that a considerable similarity of viewpoints existed on all the questions dealt with, namely North-South dialogue, Namibia, the South African apartheid policy, and trouble spots in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world. Bilaterally, the Guinean side and the Canadian side alike were pleased with the constructive development of relations between them. They agreed to increase relations in all sectors, especially development cooperation and economic exchanges. They decided to create a bilateral commission to this effect that would meet periodically on dates set through diplomatic channels.

In the realm of development cooperation, the parties conducted an in-depth exchange of views on ways and means of producing substantial and significant cooperation between the two countries. Many avenues of activity were named: the sending of experts to the Ministry of small and medium businesses and handicrafts to begin a technical cooperative for resource management and allocation the improvement and modernization of infrastructures such as transportation, energy and water supply, and the establishment of transfer mechanisms better able to respond rapidly to urgent needs. In this regard, a line of credit in the form of a subsidy would be provided for capital equipment and spare parts, along with a food aid program. Finally, participation by Canadian groups and institutions in the fields of research, rural development, technical instruction and professional training would be encouraged by the appropriate Canadian cooperation mechanisms.

Economic exchanges were furthered by two large meetings in Toronto and Montreal enabling the Guinean delegation to give more than 200 Canadian businessmen and industrialists an idea of the interesting possibilities held forth by the abundant mineral, agricultural and fisheries resources, and by the favourable Investment Code of Guinea. The Canadian private sector was encouraged to join with the Guinean government in creating joint venture companies to develop the natural resources of Guinea. The parties also discussed mechanisms by which to generate financial assistance from third countries for economic and industrial projects in Guinea. In this regard, the Canadian party noted with interest the priority given by the Guinean party to the Konkouré and Mifergui/Mount Nimba projects.

The President of the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea and Mrs. Touré joined with the large ministerial delegation accompanying them in expressing to the Governor General and Mrs. Schreyer, to the Prime Minister and the people of Canada their sincere thanks for the warm and friendly welcome extended to them throughout their visit to Canada. The Governor General and the Prime Minister accepted in principle Mr. Touré's invitation to visit the Popular Revolutionary Republic of Guinea.