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VISIT TO CANADA OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE AGENCY FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, is pleased to announce that Mr. François Owono-Nguema, Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation, will make a visit to Canada on the occasion of the annual technical meeting of the Committee for the Special Development Program to be held in Edmundston, New Brunswick, from October 16 to 18.

The Honourable Monique Vézina will go to Edmundston on October 18th, 1984, to meet with Secretary-General Owono-Nguema. At the meeting the Minister and the Secretary-General will discuss the main questions of concern to the Francophone Agency, its thirty member states, seven Associate States and two participating governments, Quebec and New Brunswick.

The Special Development Program, established in 1976 on Canada's initiative, is designed to give the Agency an effective tool for co-operation, particularly among the countries of the South, as a complement to the existing bilateral and multilateral assistance programmes.