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## VISIT BY PIERRE DE BANÉ TO EUROPE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, today announced that the Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and Advisor on Francophone Affairs, will pay an official visit to Europe from May 14 to 18.

Mr. De Bané will pay a visit to Belgium and to the European Communities on May 14 and 15. In Belgium, he will have talks with Prime Minister Mark Eyskens; the Minister for the French Community, Mr. Michel Hansenne; the Minister for the Flemish Community, Mr. Gaston Geens; and other Belgian dignitaries. He will also attend a ceremony for presentation of the 1980 Canada-Belgium Literary Prize, awarded to author Victor Lévy-Beaulieu.

During his visit to the European Communities, Mr. De Bané will have talks with the Commissioner responsible for Regional Policy, Mr. Antonio Giolitti.

Mr. De Bané will also take part in the activities planned for Canadian Days in Rouen, France on May 16, 17 and 18, under the auspices of the Association France-Canada.