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MINISTER OF STATE (EXTERNAL RELATIONS) TO VISIT WEST AFRICA

The Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of State (External Relations), will embark on a twelve-day journey to Guinea, Mali, Cameroon and Nigeria.

During his visit to West Africa, Mr. Lapointe will meet with senior officials and will review questions of bilateral and multilateral interest. His mission, in which a large delegation of Canadian businessmen will be involved, will also serve to encourage Canadian trade relations with these countries and to promote national skills and products.

In Nigeria, the last country he will visit, he will chair the Canadian delegation to the first session of the Canada-Nigeria Bilateral Economic Commission.