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COMMUNIQUÉ AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT TO CANADA OF
MR. LOUIS-GASTON MAYILA, MINISTER AND
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that Mr. Louis-Gaston Mayila, Minister and Secretary General of the Government of the Gabonese Republic, visited Canada from October 20 to 31, 1980.

During his visit, Mr. Mayila had talks with various Canadian dignitaries, in particular the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, to whom he delivered a personal message from El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of the Gabonese Republic; the Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion; the Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of State for Small Business; and senior officials of the Department of External Affairs, the Privy Council Office, Treasury Board, the Department of Finance, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Export Development Corporation and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He also had private discussions with representatives of the World University Service of Canada.

The Honourable Pierre De Bané, on behalf of the Canadian Government, and Mr. Mayila, on behalf of the Gabonese Government, signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Canada-Gabon Bilateral Commission.

Mr. Mayila visited Toronto, where he met with businessmen and toured the de Havilland Aircraft of Canada plant, among others. In Montreal he had talks with His Worship the Mayor, Jean Drapeau. Mr. Mayila was received by the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, and he met businessmen involved in the energy, rail transport, technical training and pharmaceutical sectors.