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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the Canadian Government has further extended its diplomatic relations in Africa to include four additional states - Dahomey, Niger, Ivory Coast and Upper Volta.

The Government of Canada has appointed Mr. T. LeM. Carter, Canadian High Commissioner in Lagos, Nigeria, Canadian Ambassador to Dahomey and Niger. Mr. Carter is concurrently Canadian Ambassador to Senegal and High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, and will discharge his responsibilities in Dahomey and Niger by means of periodic visits to Porto Novo and Niamey.

Mr. B. M. Williams, High Commissioner for Canada in Accra, Ghana, has been named Canadian Ambassador to the Ivory Coast and Upper Volta. Mr. Williams, who will continue to reside in Accra, is also accredited as Canadian Ambassador to Guinea and Togo.

In February of this year diplomatic relations were established with Cameroun, Chad, Gabon and Congo (Brazzaville). The new appointments mentioned above complete the programme announced earlier this year to strengthen Canada's ties with the French-speaking countries of Africa through the expansion of diplomatic representation.

With the establishment of relations between Canada and these newly independent states there will be increased opportunities for mutually beneficial contacts in the political, commercial and cultural fields between this country and the nations of Africa.