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The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, has announced that the third session of the Canada-Zaire Bilateral Commission will be held in Ottawa on June 2, 3 and 4. Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon, the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of External Relations, will chair the deliberations of the Commission with H.E. Citizen Nyiwa Mobutu, the Zairean Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Foreign Trade.

The first meeting of the Commission took place in Ottawa in November 1981. This Commission was created by an agreement made between the two parties in May 1981. For 20 years Canada has maintained a sizable program of cooperation with Zaire and ranks among its chief donors. During this meeting, the delegations will have an opportunity to briefly consider international questions, especially those that closely affect the African continent. The main outlines for the program of economic cooperation in the coming years will be looked at, along with economic interchange and trade between the two countries.

Two special arrangements concerning a cooperative project emphasizing agricultural marketing and food aid will be signed on this occasion.

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