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## Egyptian president makes first visit to Canada

Egyptian President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, accompanied by his wife and son, paid an official visit to Ottawa January 31 to February 1. His visit followed that of Prime Minister Trudeau to Egypt in November 1980.

During their stay in Ottawa, the President and Mrs. Mubarak were the guests of Governor General and Mrs. Schreyer.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity for President Mubarak and Prime Minister Trudeau to discuss a variety of international and bilateral issues of mutual interest to Egypt and Canada and thereby to strengthen the increasingly important relationship between the two countries.

During their first meeting President Mubarak and Prime Minister Trudeau, together with a small number of ministers and officials from both countries, discussed the situation in the Middle East and the prospects for peace following the invasion of Lebanon.

Later the same day they met in an expanded session to discuss Egypt-Canada bilateral relations principally in the areas of trade (Canada exported goods worth over \$313 million to Egypt in the first ten months of 1982, the largest individual sales being those of railway locomotives and *Buffalo* aircraft) and aid (since 1976 Canada has disbursed some \$180 million in aid-funded goods and services in Egypt and a further \$30 million has been approved but not yet disbursed).

During the discussions President Mubarak expressed interest in learning more about Canada's CANDU nuclear technology. Following the session the Egyptian Minister of Investment and International Co-operation Wagih Shindy and the Minister of State (External Relations) Charles Lapointe signed, on behalf of their respective governments, a General Agreement on Development Co-operation. The agreement provides a framework for future assistance from Canada for devel-



*Egyptian President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak (standing) addresses a dinner hosted by Governor General Edward Schreyer (right) and Mrs. Schreyer (left).*



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