

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED

1. Austria

Austria enjoys a distinguished position among the group of non-aligned countries, and plays a valuable mediating role in discussions of the relations between the developed and the developing countries. Under the impetus of Chancellor Kreisky, Austria co-sponsored the Mexican proposal for North-South Summit.

2. Algeria

Algeria is a key figure among the non-aligned countries, and has brought up and promoted several issues pertaining to New World Economic Order. Algeria is a very important discussion partner on these matters and participates actively in any discussion of questions relevant to international economic relations. As well, Algeria is now Canada's biggest market in Africa because of its imports of Canadian goods and services.

3. Nigeria

Nigeria is by far the most populous country of Africa and also one of the most influential. It is a member of OPEC, and its voice is heard on the OAU and the Commonwealth. Nigeria is an influential spokesman for all of Africa in presenting its positions on the North-South Dialogue. The exploitation of its oil resources makes it a potentially significant market for Canadian exports.

4. Senegal

The voice of President Senghor is highly respected, particularly with regard to African matters and La Francophonie internationale. Senegal is a country of the Sahel, largely agricultural, whose economy has been suffering the effects of the increasing costs of energy. It is in a position to express concerns which are shared by a number of third World countries. President Senghor is also the chief promoter of a proposal for an "organic community" of French-speaking states. Canada is very much interested in this proposal. In addition, Canada has a significant program of development co-operation in Senegal.

5. Brazil

Because of its economic power and its importance on the Latin American continent, Brazil has a significant role to play in international affairs. It is a country that has recently become industrialized and that has known a remarkable period of growth in the last few decades. Brazil considers, however, that the future of its development is