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MINISTER VÉZINA TO HEAD CANADIAN DELEGATION

TO THE OECD

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, today announced that she would be heading Canada's delegation to the December 3 and 4, 1984, meeting of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

The DAC meets periodically to review developmental assistance programs of OECD members and to discuss aid-coordination strategies. DAC also monitors and reports upon contributions to multilateral and bilateral assistance programs of member countries.

The December 4th meeting will focus on the food and economic crises in Africa, and how donor countries can best coordinate their resources to respond effectively to them. Items on the agenda include:

- Improving development prospects through cooperation.
- Responses to the crises in Africa.
- evaluating developmental aid programs.
- Aid and trade issues

Mrs. Vézina will also meet privately with Mr. Christian Nucci, Minister of International Development and Foreign Relations for France. They will be discussing issues of common interest in the area of bilateral programming.

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