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CANADA SIGNS TWO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GUINEA

The Minister of State for External Relations, the Honourable Pierre De Bané, announced at the end of the official visit to Canada by the Minister of International Cooperation of the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea, His Excellency Marcel Cros, that the two countries had signed two Memorandums of Understanding dealing with the implementation of cooperation projects.

Those projects are within the framework of the General Agreement on cooperation signed by the two countries on June 8, 1982. The General Agreement was itself the result of discussions which Mr. De Bané initiated last year when he made an official visit to Guinea.

The first project, valued at \$2.3 million, reflects the priority given by the government of Guinea to the development of the sector of small and medium-sized businesses. Under the terms of the project, Canadian technical assistance will be provided to the Department for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses.

The second project, valued at \$250,000, will supply small equipment and communication facilities to health personnel in rural areas and will benefit approximately 600,000 people.

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