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VISIT OF A HAITIAN COMMERCIAL DELEGATION IN CANADA

The Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of State for External Relations, met with the members of a commercial delegation from Haiti who visited Canada from October 25 - 29, 1983. The mission, led by the Secretary of State of External Trade for Haiti, Mr. Jean Michel Ligondé, was proposed during a visit to Canada last June by several Haitian ministers. The objective of the mission was to promote joint Canadian/Haitian private sector cooperation, thus complementing the public sector efforts to develop the Haitian economy.

During their stay in Canada, the mission members met with representatives of the Department of External Affairs, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Export Development Corporation (EDC), and business representatives, organized by the Canadian Association - Latin America and Caribbean (CALA), the Montreal Chamber of Commerce and the Ministry of External Trade of Quebec.

The Secretary of State for External Trade for Haiti renewed his Government's invitation for a Canadian commercial and industrial delegation to visit Haiti in order to increase both joint ventures and exports between the two countries. This mission is planned for early 1984.

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