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## NEW CANADIAN EMBASSY IN IVORY COAST

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that Canada has decided to open an Embassy in Abidjan, the capital of Ivory Coast. This will serve particularly to strengthen the friendly relations which have existed between Canada and Ivory Coast as well as to demonstrate in a concrete way the great interest that Canada has in the French speaking countries of Africa and in Africa as a whole.

Diplomatic relations between Canada and Ivory Coast were first established in 1962 with the accreditation of the Canadian High Commissioner in Accra to Ivory Coast. The appointment of the first resident Ambassador in Abidjan will be announced in due course.