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VISIT OF INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PROFESSOR MOCHTAR KUSAMAATMADJA TO CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today that the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Professor Mochtar Kusumaatmadja will pay an official visit to Canada on October 15 and 16.

While in Ottawa, Professor Mochtar will hold talks with Dr. MacGuigan and the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Mr. Marcel Massé.

Professor Mochtar's visit follows the September visit of Indonesian Agriculture Minister Soedarsono as well as that of the Minister of Administrative Reform Sumarlin in May. Canadian Ministers who have visited Indonesia in the recent past include Trade Minister Lumley, Energy Minister Lalonde and Minister of State for Mines, Judy Erola. The number of visits between Canada and Indonesia attest the growing importance of the bilateral relationship and the prospects for expanded linkages in the future.

Indonesia is one of the principal recipients of Canadian development assistance. Canadian trade with Indonesia last year was approximately Can \$240 million.