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TEXT OF CANADA/ZAIRE JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ
ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO ZAIRE
FROM NOVEMBER 9 - 13, 1977
OF THE HONOURABLE JEAN-PIERRE GOYER,
MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES
AND ADVISER FOR FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRES
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(Translation)

At the invitation of the Executive Council of the Republic of Zaire, the Minister of Supply and Services of the Government of Canada and Adviser of the Secretary of State for External Affairs on Francophone Affairs, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer, paid an official visit to Zaire from November 9-13, 1977. During his visit he was received, in the absence of the President-founder of the RPM and President of the Republic, General Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga, by the First Commissioner of State, Citizen Mpinga Kasenda, by the Commissioner of State for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Citizen Umba-Di-Lutete, and by some of the members of the Executive Council. During his visit, Minister Goyer, accompanied by his delegation, laid a wreath on the grave of Citizen President, Mama Mobutu Sese Seko.

To emphasize the importance of the contribution of the Zairian people to Francophonie, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer underlined the interest in preserving common cultural values through mutual co-operation established on the principles of equality and sovereignty between partners. Mr. Goyer mentioned the plan of a summit of heads of Francophone states. The two parties agreed that such meetings would favour the promotion of mutual understanding and international co-operation. The Canadian Minister expressed his satisfaction with the recent decision of the Zairian authorities to join the "Agence de coopération culturelle et technique" of French-speaking countries.