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The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, announced today that the Third Session of the Canada-Algeria Bilateral Commission would be held in Ottawa, from March 26 to 28, 1985. Mrs. Vézina will co-preside the deliberations with Mr. Mohamed Aberkane, Vice-minister in charge of Foreign Commerce of Algeria.

Relations between Canada and Algeria have shown a remarkable growth over the past decade. For example, commercial exchanges which totalled only \$3 million in 1971 have since increased to some \$500 million per year, making Algeria Canada's most important commercial partner in all Africa.

The Third Session of the Bilateral Commission will evaluate the results of the appreciable efforts made over the past three years in diversifying the two countries' relations, and extend them into previously unexplored areas. The discussions will focus also on the current state of the commercial balance and the possibility of identifying long term orientations for those sectors judged to be of high priority by the two countries.