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VISIT BY MINISTER JEAN-PIERRE GOYER TO FRANCOPHONE AFRICA, MARCH 8-13, 1978

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today that the Minister of Supply and Services and Advisor for Francophone Affairs to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer, will visit Francophone Africa from March 8 to 13. His trip will take him to Togo, Benin and Gabon.

This mission is related to Mr. Goyer's responsibilities in the field of international "francophonie". Mr. Goyer will discuss with his hosts bilateral and multilateral relations between Canada and the countries he is visiting including political matters, trade and development questions. At the invitation of the Benin authorities, Mr. Goyer will participate in the official inauguration of the CPU (Collège Polytechnique Universitaire), an important project in the field of cooperation between our two countries. In Gabon, Mr. Goyer will represent Prime Minister Trudeau at the 10th anniversary ceremonies marking the establishment of the Parti Démocratique Gabonais.

Mr. Goyer will be accompanied by officials of the Department of External Affairs and the Canadian International Development Agency.

