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BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS  
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The fourth session of the Bilateral Consultations between Canada and Mali took place in Ottawa October 18 - 20, 1983.

The delegations were headed respectively by the Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of State (External Relations), and by His Excellency Alioune Blondin Beye, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

The Consultations were held in a warm and friendly atmosphere and were characterized by mutual understanding.

Both parties reviewed current development programmes and agreed on the orientation of their future cooperation, mainly in the fields of antidesertification efforts (ground cover stabilisation), improving food equilibrium and energy development.

During his stay in Canada, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation met with Senator Jean Marchand, Speaker of the Senate, The Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, The Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of Supply and Services and Margaret Catley-Carlson, President of the Canadian International Development Agency.

At the conclusion of the bilateral consultations, the two Heads of delegation signed the agreed minute and summary of conclusions which record the positive results of this fourth session. They also approved the text of a General Agreement between Canada and the Republic of Mali concerning development cooperation.

The next session of the Bilateral Consultations will take place in Bamako in 1985.