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The Minister for External Relations and International Development, and Minister Responsible for La Francophonie, the Honourable Monique Landry, announced today that Mr. Jean-Louis Roy, Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT), will pay an official visit to Canada from May 5 to 11, 1991.

Mr. Roy was elected Secretary-General at the ACCT General Conference held in Ottawa in December 1989. The ACCT has its headquarters in Paris, and is La Francophonie's only intergovernmental organization; it is made up of 41 member states and participating governments.

During his visit to Ottawa, Mr. Roy will meet with the Honourable Monique Landry to elaborate on the ACCT's role in implementing decisions taken at the Francophone Summits. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the Minister to confirm Canada's support for the Agency.

In addition, Mr. Roy will meet with the Minister of the Environment, the Honourable Jean Charest, to brief him on the results of the first Conference of Environment Ministers of the Francophone Countries, which was held in Tunis from April 19 to 23.

These meetings will provide opportunities to inform Mr. Roy of Canada's intentions with regard to both political and co-operative issues, in preparation for the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government, which is scheduled to take place in Paris from November 19 to 21, 1991.