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## ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, today announced the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Canada's Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the United Nations, J. Reid Morden, and the Permanent Representative to the United Nations of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Ambassador Carmelo Nvono-Nca, signed on August 20, 1980, a joint communiqué stating their governments' decision to establish diplomatic relations. The ceremony represents another step in the development of relations between the two countries which were officially initiated in 1968 following the Republic of Equatorial Guinea's accession to the United Nations. The Canadian Ambassador to be accredited to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea will be resident in Yaoundé, Cameroon.