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VISIT BY MINISTER JEAN-PIERRE GOYER TO FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today that the Minister of Supply and Services, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer, will visit Francophone Africa from June 6 to 16. His trip will take him to Senegal, Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Mauritania.

It is expected that Mr. Goyer will discuss with his hosts bilateral and multilateral relations between Canada and the countries he is visiting including political, aid, development and trade subjects. He will take the opportunity of his trip to Nouakchott to review the results of the Second Meeting of the "Club des Amis du Sahel" (which was held in Ottawa from May 30 to June 1) with the President of Mauritania, Moktar Ould Daddah, Chairman of the "Comité inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel".

Mr. Goyer will be accompanied by officials of the Department of External Affairs, CIDA and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

In addition to a review of the current economic situations in Japan and Canada and the state of the bilateral economic relationship, topics to be covered on the agenda of the first meeting in Vancouver include energy and resources, secondary manufacturing, agriculture and forestry and mining.