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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that a Goodwill Mission from Dahomey will visit Canada from October 31 to November 4.

The Mission will be led by Doctor Emile Derlin Zinsou, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Dahomey, and will include Messrs. Jules Laventure, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Francois Covi, Deputy and President of the Finance Commission of the National Assembly, Louis Ignacio-Pinto, Permanent Representative of Dahomey to the United Nations, and Doctor Nicolas Eouagnignon, Ambassador of Dahomey to Haiti.

During its visit, the aim of which is to strengthen further the growing links between Canada and French-speaking Africa, the Mission will visit Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec and will meet representatives of political, cultural and economic interests.

In Ottawa, the Mission will confer with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who will give a dinner in honour of the visitors. In Montreal, the Mission will be received at the City Hall and at the University of Montreal. In Quebec, the visitors will be received by the provincial authorities who will give a dinner in their honour.