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OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF MALI, APRIL 20 - 22

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, is pleased to announce today that the Vice-President of the Military Committee for National Liberation of the Republic of Mali, His Excellency the Lt.-Col. Amadou Baba Diarra, made an official visit to Canada on April 20, 21 and 22, 1977 at the invitation of the Canadian Government. The delegation he presided was composed of senior officials of the Services of the Presidency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Ministry of Planning, and the Ministry of Rural Development. The Vice-President held discussions with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, the Minister of Supply and Services, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer, and the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Mr. Michel Dupuy. The Vice-President also visited the International Development Research Centre. These discussions concerned political and economic relations between Canada and Mali, relations among Francophone countries, between developed and developing countries, and the situation prevailing in Africa.

It was agreed from the start that the general relations between the two countries are excellent. In the field of bilateral aid, both parties reviewed projects now being implemented and agreed to sign cooperation agreements concerning three new projects. The Vice-President of Mali and Mr. Jamieson signed these agreements today on behalf of their respective governments.