

was pleased with Canada's desire to participate in the creation of joint ventures at the small- and medium-sized business level.

Cultural relations were also discussed, and the importance of giving them fresh impetus was recognized.

During his visit, Mr. Siméon Aké was received by His Excellency Edward Schreyer, the Governor-General of Canada, by the Honourable Jean Marchand, Speaker of the Senate, and by the Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Speaker of the House of Commons. Mr. Aké also had talks with several members of the Canadian government including the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and Adviser to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on Francophone Affairs, the Honourable Monique Bégin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Honourable Jean-Luc Pépin, Minister of Transport, and the Honourable Pierre Bussières, Minister of State for Finance.

A considerable similarity of views emerged from these cordial talks, both on questions of a bilateral nature and on most major international problems, mainly those related to peace and security in Africa. North-South questions were also discussed. Mr. Aké was pleased with the very active role played by the Canadian government in stimulating North-South dialogue, and appreciated Canada's understanding of the economic situation in developing countries, especially concerning the payment of fair prices for raw materials and the stabilization of market prices.

The delegations were pleased with the constructive, open climate that characterized their work. They noted that the very positive results stemming from the meeting would no doubt give fresh impetus to co-operation between the two countries.

The Ivory Coast delegation expressed its sincere thanks to the Canadian government for the warm reception it had received and for the attentive way in which it had been treated while in Canada.

The next session of the Canada-Ivory Coast Bilateral Joint Commission will be held in Abidjan.