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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BY CANADA AND ALGERIA

The Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of State for External Relations, announced today that Canada and Algeria have signed a memorandum of understanding designed to increase the exchange of human resources. Priority areas of activity will include among others, agriculture, housing, communications and construction. Strong emphasis will be placed on training.

This agreement was signed during an official visit to Canada by a large delegation of Algerian parliamentarians led by Mr. Rabah Bitat, Speaker of the National Popular Assembly, from November 15 to 20, 1982. The visit was made in response to an invitation by the Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Speaker of the House of Commons, who herself led a Canadian parliamentary delegation to Algeria early last January. These parliamentary exchanges are a first for Canada and Algeria, and along with the agreement just concluded they bear witness to the remarkable progress made in relations between the two countries over the past decade.