

In another connection, the Canadian Minister raised with the President of the Republic the proposal of a summit meeting of Heads of State of Francophone countries that might be held in 1978.

The Upper Volta Head of State declared himself favourable to the principle of such a meeting which could lead to reinforcing international cooperation and understanding between peoples.

Upper Volta expressed its keen satisfaction for the efforts made by the Canadian Government to promote more efficient assistance to the developing countries. The discussions took place in an atmosphere of perfect cordiality and mutual understanding.

The Canadian Minister, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer, was particularly touched by the fraternal and warm reception that had been accorded to him and his delegation.

In a multilateral context, the Minister visited the headquarters of the "Comité interétat permanent de la lutte contre la sécheresse au Sahel" (CILSS) located in Ouagadougou. Mr. Ali Cissé, Secretary-General of CILSS, raised in warm terms the support of Canada to that organization, in particular during the meeting of "les Amis du Sahel" which was held in Ottawa in June 1977. He expressed his satisfaction at the exemplary cooperation between both administrations and underlined the key role of Canada in the development of a support strategy for the fight against drought in Sahel.