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The past few years have seen a notable diversification in economic and commercial relations between Canada and the countries in North Africa - in trade exchanges, technology transfers, partnership projects and joint companies.

Contributing to this expansion have been the initiatives taken by the governments in North Africa to further liberalize their economies including trade and foreign investment. These initiatives augur well for the future of trade relations between our country and the nations of North Africa.

Canada is highly interested in developing and pursuing these commercial relations with North Africa by introducing and sharing Canadian expertise - which in several fields is on the cutting edge of technology.

The companies that are participating in the 1994 Mediterranean Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition (MOEX) in Malta and in this hydrocarbons mission sponsored by the Governments of Canada and Alberta exemplifies Canada's skills in the field. As Canada's Minister for International Trade, I am very pleased to present them to you. I hope that in their area of expertise, they will be able to contribute to the economic and human development of North Africa. Canada-North Africa cooperation has prospered for over 30 years. May this mission prove to be another one of its successes...

ROY MACLAREN