

In the discussion dealing with commercial exchanges, after having reviewed the results to the present, the two sides presented a review of their key interests and ways to facilitate these exchanges. In this regard, the delegations outlined a draft of a double taxation agreement, a line of credit for the Export Development Corporation and the institutional framework for these exchanges. Further discussions will follow in the near future so that these questions can be finalized.

At the same time, an official trade mission, of sixteen Canadian businessmen visited Cameroon to have meetings with members and officials of the Cameroonian Government and their counterparts in the commercial and industrial sectors in Cameroon. This mission enabled both sides to identify and follow-up on specific projects. It was noted that there has been a large number of visits and exchanges in the last year and the desire to see these types of exchanges continue to develop was expressed. The Canadian delegation noted with satisfaction the opening of an economic and commercial mission attached to the Embassy of Cameroon in Ottawa. In addition, the Cameroonian side expressed satisfaction that in the near future Canada will name an honorary consul in Douala, whose functions will be principally trade related.

The two sides underlined the importance they attach to the broadening of cultural cooperation and the exchange of ideas and projects which could be undertaken in this area. Both delegations also reviewed their cultural activities in recent years and discussed respective views on future prospects for cultural cooperation.

During his meeting with Prime Minister Paul Biya, Mr. Joyal delivered a letter from the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency The Right Honourable Edward Schreyer to the President of the United Republic of Cameroon, His Excellency Ahmadou Ahidjo inviting him to make an official visit to Canada. President Ahidjo has accepted to come to Canada May 25th to 29th this year.

Four agreements, totalling six million Canadian dollars (1.56 Billion Francs CFA) were signed during the visit. These agreements concern medical equipment (\$150 000 or 39 Million F CFA), the National Centre for Forestry Development (CENADEFOR) valued at \$2.6 million or 676 million F CFA, an amendment to the loan for the supply of locomotives to the Cameroonian Railway Authority (REGIFERCAM) \$3 million or 780 million F CFA and aid to the centre for assistance to small and medium size business (CAPME) provided by the Canadian Exporters Association valued at \$150 000 or 65 million F CFA, provided under the AEGIS of the industrial cooperation programme.