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PRIME MINISTER OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC TO VISIT CANADA

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien announced today that Mr. Alain Juppé, Prime Minister of the French Republic, will visit Canada from June 9 to 11. Mr. Juppé will be accompanied by a ministerial and parliamentary delegation, along with a group of business leaders.

"Our relations with France are productive and friendly. This visit will enable us to strengthen our transatlantic partnership and to extend our economic ties, which are of unprecedented dynamism and quality," said Mr. Chrétien.

In Ottawa, June 9-10, Prime Minister Juppé will meet with Governor General Roméo LeBlanc and with Prime Minister Chrétien. They will discuss various bilateral issues, including trade and investment expansion, and international issues of common interest such as the Francophonie, the G7 and the situation in the former Yugoslavia. Prime Minister Juppé will also be awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ottawa.

On June 10-11, Prime Minister Juppé will be in Quebec, where he will meet with Premier Lucien Bouchard.

The French ministerial delegation accompanying Prime Minister Juppé will consist of Mr. Franck Borotra, the Minister of Industry, Postage and Communications; Mr. Guy Drut, Minister-Delegate for Youth and Sports; and Mrs. Margie Sudre, Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in charge of the Francophonie.