

Mr. De Bané will discuss the latest developments in Maghreb and the Middle East with Mr. Chedli Klibi, Secretary General of the Arab League.

The Canada-Morocco Commission will meet for the first time after its establishment last October during the visit to Ottawa of Mr. M'Hamed Boucetta, Minister of Foreign Affairs. This new institutional structure arose out of the need to have a consultative framework with a country that already ranks third among Canada's trading partners in Africa. It also has the purpose of establishing with Morocco new forms of co-operation based mainly on the use of parallel credits, investment promotion, scientific and technical exchanges and co-operation among institutions.

Mr. De Bané will be received by His Majesty King Hassan II and will meet with Prime Minister Maati Bouabid, both of whom were hosts to Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau last summer, and, more recently, the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Jean Marchand and the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Jeanne Sauvé. Mr. De Bané will also engage in a series of ministerial talks designed to set forth the conditions for future co-operation between Canada and Morocco.