

infrastructures. The Senegalese authorities are also counting heavily on phosphate and iron mining, irrigated agriculture and the setting up of export industries.

### Foreign policy

The growing importance of Senegal, not only within Africa but also in the world community, is attributable largely to President Senghor, who remains one of Africa's most prestigious statesmen. The President conducts his foreign policy very skilfully, devoting attention in turn to good relations with neighbouring countries, human rights, negro culture, decolonization of the African continent and the struggle against apartheid. He also makes the most of the affinities of Senegal with the Arab world, the socialist States and French-speaking countries. Lastly, he makes clear his attachment to the values of the Western world, while coming out strongly in favour of a new international economic order.

France remains Senegal's closest partner, particularly in the sphere of aid and public investments. Senegal has close relations, too, with the United States, the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada, countries which also provide it with considerable assistance. In addition, it maintains cordial relations with China and several Latin American countries, in particular Brazil and Venezuela.

Senegal stands strongly in favour of African solutions to African problems, and it plays an active role in the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the West African Economic Community (WAEC), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and other regional associations.