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OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF MALI, APRIL 20-22

The Department of External Affairs announced today that following an invitation from the Secretary of State for External Affairs a delegation from the Republic of Mali, headed by its Vice-President, the Lt.-Col. Amadou Baba Diarra, will visit Ottawa, April 20 to 22.

During the visit, the delegation will have discussions with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, the Minister of Supply and Services, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Goyer, the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Mr. Michel Dupuy, and the Vice-President of the International Development Research Centre, Mr. L. Berlinguet. These discussions will mainly concern bilateral aid, relations among Francophone countries, relations between developed countries and developing countries, and the situation which now prevails in Africa. A reception will be offered in honour of Vice-President Diarra by His Excellency the Right Honourable Jules Léger, Governor General of Canada.