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VISIT TO CANADA OF M'HAMED BOUCETTA,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MOROCCO

At the invitation of the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. M'Hamed Boucetta, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, paid a visit to Canada from October 12 to 16, 1981.

In the course of this visit, Mr. Boucetta was received by Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada and had talks with several other members of the Canadian government, including the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable Herb Gray, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and the Honourable Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. The Minister also met with the Honourable Jean Marchand and Jeanne Sauvé, Speaker of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Commons, respectively, and with Mr. Marcel Massé, President of the Canadian International Development Agency.

Mr. Boucetta and his Canadian counterpart signed a memorandum of understanding for the creating of a bilateral commission to develop and enhance Canada-Moroccan cooperation in all fields. A general cooperation agreement was also signed to assist in carrying out future cooperation projects. The Ministers together launched a "food strategy" programme, under which Canadian specialists would be sent to Morocco to work with Moroccan experts on a plan to augment that country's farm production.

The Ministers examined other projects, one of which concerned the improvement of sanitary facilities in the city of Fez. The Canadian side again expressed its interest in seeing the project completed, and informed the Moroccans of its decision to initiate as soon as possible the procedures required for final approval.