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## OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANADA OF ALGERIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRARIAN REFORM

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The Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister for External Relations, today announced the forthcoming official visit to Canada November 24 - 30, 1983, of Mr. Salim Saadi, Algeria's Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform. The Honourable Eugene Whelan will be the official host for this visit, which will focus mainly on agricultural cooperation and exchanges between Canada and Algeria.

Mr. Saadi will visit Ottawa, Winnipeg and Montreal. As joint Chairman of the Canada-Algeria Joint Commission, Mr. Saadi will also meet with Canadian government officials to discuss the overall bilateral relationship.

Exchanges between the two countries have increased remarkably over the past decade. In 1982, Algeria advanced to thirteenth among Canada's economic partners in the world. Although agricultural products make up a considerable portion of these exchanges, recently there have been new trends toward the formation of special relationships in a number of priority areas.

Mr. Saadi's visit is one of the many major events of recent months that have strengthened and expanded the ties between the two countries.