

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, is pleased to announce the arrival on Monday of Brigadier Joseph N. Garba, Commissioner (Minister) for External Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The Commissioner will begin his official visit to Canada on his arrival at Ottawa airport at 10:00 hours, November 8.

Subjects of mutual interest which will be raised during Commissioner Garba's visit include our bilateral trade relations, technical co-operation in support of Nigeria's Third National Development Plan and international questions of mutual concern such as the Conference on International Economic Co-operation, of which Canada is co-chairman.

It is hoped that bilateral co-operation will be expanded in several fields, including the cultural one. A delegation of fifty black Canadians will be participating in the forthcoming Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture to be held in Lagos in January, 1977. The National Black Coalition of Canada is co-ordinating this participation.

During Commissioner Garba's visit he will have discussions with the Secretary of State for External Affairs and with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Jean Chrétien. He will also meet with officials in Ottawa and members of the Canadian business community.

On Wednesday, November 10, Brigadier Garba will visit the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, and in the afternoon will call on the Honourable Thomas L. Wells, Ontario Minister of Education. On Thursday, he will visit the nuclear power station at Pickering, Ontario, and spend a few hours at Niagara Falls before flying on to New York.