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VISIT TO CANADA OF HIS EXCELLENCY SHEIKH AHMED ZAKI YAMANI,
MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES OF
SAUDI ARABIA
JUNE 23-30, 1978

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today that the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, will make an official visit to Canada from June 23rd to 30th, 1978 as a guest of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable Alastair Gillespie.

On June 26th Mr. Yamani will give the keynote address at the 50th anniversary congress of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists being held in Calgary.

Mr. Yamani will meet with Premier Lougheed of Alberta and tour the oil sands operations at Fort McMurray.

On June 28th Mr. Yamani will visit Ottawa where he will have discussions with several Cabinet ministers. Mr. Yamani will conclude his Canadian programme with a private visit to Murray Bay, Quebec.

This is the second visit to Canada by a high-ranking member of the government of Saudi Arabia, the first being the visit of Dr. Ghazi Al-Goseibi, Minister of Industry and Electricity in September, 1976 as head of his country's delegation to the first meeting of the Canada-Saudi Arabia Joint Economic Committee.