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VISIT OF M'HAMED CHAKER,
TUNISIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE,
JUNE 14-20, 1981

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, today announced that Justice Minister M'hamed Chaker of Tunisia will pay an official visit to Canada from June 14 to 20 at the invitation of the Honourable Jean Chrétien, Minister of Justice.

In Ottawa, which he will visit from June 15 to 17, Mr. Chaker and his Canadian counterpart will examine the preparations for the Congress of the Institute for the Right to Freedom of Expression in French (IDEF), which will be held in Canada this September.

He will also have talks with Pierre De Bané, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and Adviser for Francophone Affairs to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In addition, Mr. Chaker will meet with Charles Lapointe, Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism, and with Marcel Massé, President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The talks will cover Canada-Tunisia relations in general, and ways of strengthening them in preparation for the Joint Commission meeting this fall. In the multilateral area, Mr. Chaker will discuss with his Canadian hosts matters relating to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation.

At the invitation of Quebec Minister of Justice Marc-André Bédard, Mr. Chaker will visit Quebec City on June 18 and 19 for talks with Quebec government officials.

He will leave Canada on June 20.