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VISIT TO OTTAWA OF
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, announced today that Mr. Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, the new Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization, will visit Ottawa April 7-9.

Since his election last November, the Director-General has visited a number of countries in Europe, Africa, the Arab world and Asia. His visit to Ottawa in response to an invitation extended to him last year will enable him to discuss with ministers and officials interested in Canada's UNESCO role the present situation and the future of the 135-member Organization.

Mr. M'Bow will call on the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Minister of Communications and the Secretary of State. He will hold working meetings with officials of the Department of External Affairs, the Canadian International Development Agency, the International Development Research Centre, and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, and pay a visit to the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing. During his visit to Canada Mr. M'Bow will also call on the Prime Minister of Quebec, Mr. R. Bourassa, and will meet with the Minister of Education, Mr. F. Cloutier.

Formerly a college professor, the Director-General served as Minister of Education and Culture in the first Senegalese Government from 1957 to 1958; returned to teaching from 1958 to 1964, and again served as a Cabinet Minister from 1966 to 1970.

Mr. M'Bow's active involvement with UNESCO dates from 1966, when he was elected to its Executive Board. He headed the Senegalese Delegation to the 14th and 15th sessions of the General Conference. Since 1970 he had served as Deputy Director General (Education).