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U.N. SPECIAL SESSION ON AFRICA:  
MINISTER VÉZINA TO HEAD CANADIAN DELEGATION

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, announced today that she will lead the Canadian Delegation to the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the economic crisis in Africa, to be held in New York, May 27-31, 1986. This special meeting is convened by the General Assembly in response to a request made by the Heads of State of the Organization for African Unity at their July 1985 meeting in Addis Ababa.

In addition to government officials, the delegation will include the following Members of Parliament and representatives of Canadian NGO's and of the business sector:

Jean-Guy Hudon, P.C. (Beauharnois-Salaberry), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister.

Gabriel Desjardins, P.C. (Témiscamingue)

Marcel Prud'homme, Liberal (Montréal-Saint-Denis)

Jim Manly, NDP (Cowichan-Malahat The Islands).

Camille Dagenais, Chairman of the Board, The SNC Group

René Lacoste, Director of Projects, Fondation Jules et Paul-Emile Léger

Betty Plewes, Manager, Overseas Operations, CUSO

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«The African crisis is of concern to many Canadians», said Mrs. Vézina. «They have made this clear during the recent famine and in their continued involvement in African recovery and development. The participation of representatives of NGO's and the business community, at the UN Special Session, within the Canadian delegation, will represent the interest of the Canadian public».

For further information and accreditation to the UN Special Session to the United Nations on Africa:

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