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EGYPTIAN MINISTERS IN CANADA FOR CONSULTATIONS ON GULF

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, and Dr. Atef Mohamed Ebaïd, Minister for Cabinet Affairs and Minister of State for Administrative Development of Egypt, will visit Canada on February 1, 1991.

The visit is an expression of the excellent relationship which exists between Canada and Egypt. "This visit allows for useful follow-up to discussions Dr. Abdel Meguid and I had in Cairo this past November," stated Mr. Clark. "We will continue our productive exchange of views on shared concerns relating to the present situation in the Gulf as well as future developments." Egypt is one of the leading Arab countries in the international effort to ensure Iraqi compliance with United Nations resolutions.

While in Ottawa, Dr. Abdel Meguid will meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Dr. Ebaïd will be meeting with the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Michael Wilson, and Mr. Clark. Both Egyptian ministers will also meet with senior officials of the Canadian government.

Profiles of the two ministers are attached.

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DR. AHMED ESMAT ABDEL MEGUID
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid has been Minister of Foreign Affairs since July 1984 and Deputy Prime Minister through successive governments since September 1985.

He is a career diplomat, who was born in Alexandria in 1923. Educated at the University of Cairo and the Sorbonne, he is fluently trilingual in Arabic, French and English.

Since entering the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1950, he has been involved in many negotiations important to the state. He served on the delegations which negotiated with the British for their evacuation from the Suez Canal and with the United Kingdom and France after the Suez crisis. He was responsible for the first round of negotiations for the peace treaty with Israel. He was also Egypt's Permanent Representative to the United Nations for more than 10 years and held several cabinet positions before becoming Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Clark last met with Minister Abdel Meguid on his visit to Egypt in November 1990.

DR. ATEF MOHAMED EBAID
MINISTER FOR CABINET AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

Dr. Atef Mohamed Ebaid has been Minister for Cabinet Affairs and Minister of State for Administrative Development since July 1984.

He was born in Egypt in 1935 and received a PhD from Illinois University in 1962. He is fluently bilingual in Arabic and English.

The Minister has a wide background of experience in the Egyptian government and from 1973 to 1984 was President of the International Centre for Business Administration. Concurrent with his government positions, Dr. Ebaid was a Professor in Business Administration at Cairo University from 1962 to 1984. His current responsibilities include the relations between Egypt and different international financial organizations and the co-ordination of the efforts of different environmental bodies in Egypt.