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The Special Canadian Mission to the Commonwealth Caribbean, led by the Hon. J. G. Bennett, Minister of External Affairs, is currently in the Caribbean region. The mission is a part of the Canadian Government's policy of international cooperation and development. The mission is currently in the Caribbean region, and is currently in the Caribbean region. The mission is currently in the Caribbean region, and is currently in the Caribbean region. The mission is currently in the Caribbean region, and is currently in the Caribbean region.

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, is pleased to announce that Senator, the Honourable Paul Martin, has agreed to undertake a special mission to the Commonwealth Caribbean on behalf of the Government of Canada. The intention of the Government to send a mission to the region was transmitted to the Commonwealth Caribbean on June 23 by Prime Minister Trudeau in a message to the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) Council of Ministers meeting in Georgetown, Guyana. The message also expressed the willingness of the Canadian Government to extend for the calendar year 1970 the rebate to the region of the 29 cents per hundred pounds tariff collected by Canada on raw sugar imported from the Commonwealth Caribbean. The purpose of the mission is to consult with the various countries on the extension of the rebate, the introduction of a special \$5 million regional agricultural development fund and other matters of bilateral concern.

The timing of the mission and its schedule of visits will be the subject of consultation with the various governments concerned.



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**MISSION SPECIALE DU CANADA DANS  
LES PAYS ANTILLAIS DU COMMONWEALTH**

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Le secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires extérieures, monsieur Mitchell Sharp, est heureux d'annoncer que l'honorable sénateur Paul Martin a accepté de diriger une mission spéciale du Canada dans les pays antillais du Commonwealth. Dans son message du 23 juin au Conseil des ministres de l'Association de libre échange des pays antillais (CARIFTA) réuni à Georgetown en Guyane, le premier ministre Trudeau a fait part de l'intention du Canada d'envoyer une mission dans cette région. Il a aussi fait savoir que le Canada était prêt à prolonger, pendant l'année 1970, la réduction tarifaire de 29 cents lescent livres de sucre brut qu'il achète aux pays antillais du Commonwealth. La mission consultera les divers pays sur le maintien de cette remise, sur la mise sur pied d'un fonds spécial de 5 millions de dollars en vue du développement agricole régional et sur d'autres questions d'intérêt commun.

La date du départ et le programme de visites de la mission seront fixés après consultation des divers gouvernements intéressés.