

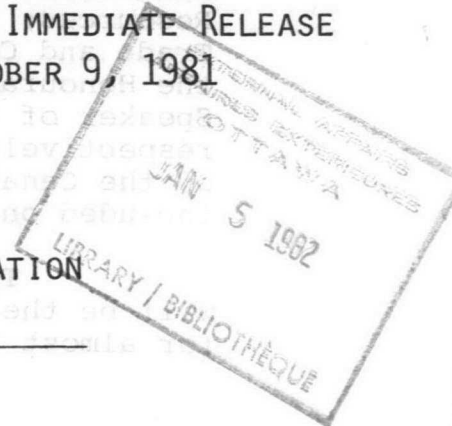
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VISIT OF MR. M'HAMED BOUCETTA,  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CO-OPERATION  
OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO



The Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the visit of the Moroccan Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, His Excellency Mr. M'Hamed Boucetta, from October 12 to 16, 1981.

The visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation of Morocco will provide an opportunity to review Canada-Moroccan relations and will help to give them fresh impetus. A Memorandum of Understanding creating a bilateral commission between the two countries will be signed in the course of this visit. The first session of the Bilateral Commission will be held in Rabat before the year's end. Mr. Boucetta's visit will also see the signature of a General Co-operation Agreement aimed at facilitating the completion of new co-operation projects.

The various aspects of relations between Canada and Morocco will be reviewed in the economic co-operation sector, in which the trade prospects held forth by the next Moroccan plan will be examined, as well as in the development co-operation sector, where the main guidelines for the coming years will be set. The talks will also touch on the main areas of current international political events of mutual interest.

Mr. Boucetta's visit will also be the occasion of the inauguration of the Moroccan Consulate General in Montreal, the main function of which will be to attend to the interests of Canada's large Moroccan community and to promote Canada-Moroccan economic co-operation. The latter function will be illustrated by the publication of an investment guide in Morocco under the auspices of the Canadian International Development Agency.

During this visit, Mr. Boucetta will meet with the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau; the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Secretary of State for External Affairs; the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources; and the Honourable Herb Gray, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. The Minister will also hold talks with the Honourable Jeanne Sauvé and the Honourable Jean Marchand, Speaker of the House of Commons and Speaker of the Senate, respectively. Discussions with Mr. Marcel Massé, President of the Canadian International Development Agency, are also included on the programme.

The visit of His Excellency Mr. M'Hamed Boucetta will be the first official visit of an Arab foreign minister for almost ten years.