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Visit of Canadian Parliamentarians to Algeria and Tunisia

Ottawa, February 12, 2009 – Six members of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association (CAPA), led by the Association Co-Chair, the Honourable Mauril Bélanger, P.C., M.P., will visit Algeria and Tunisia from February 15 to 20. Mr. Bélanger will be accompanied by the Honourable Mobina S.B. Jaffer, Senator, CAPA vice-president; Ms. Johanne Deschamps, M.P., CAPA vice-president; Mr. Larry Miller, M.P., CAPA director; the Honourable Terrance Stratton, Senator, CAPA member and Mrs. Candice Hoepfner, M.P., CAPA member.

The delegates will engage their counterparts on various topics to further strengthen our bilateral relations and to encourage mutual understanding on bilateral issues. The visit also offers an excellent opportunity to enquire about continental issues. In addition, the delegation will study Algeria and Tunisia's role within regional organizations. Canadian activity in the region will also be studied, along with the role of civil society groups and businesses.

Established in 2003, the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association promotes exchanges between African and Canadian parliamentarians, proposes initiatives likely to lead to better mutual understanding of national and international problems, and works to develop cooperation in all the fields of human activity.

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