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Visit of Canadian Parliamentarians to Benin and Burkina Faso

Ottawa, September 1, 2010 – Four members of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, led by the Association Co-Chair, the Hon. Mauril Bélanger, P.C., M.P., will visit Benin and Burkina Faso from September 5 to 12.

Mr. Bélanger will be accompanied by Mrs. Lois Brown, M.P.; the Hon. Paul J. Massicotte, Senator; and Mr. Robert Carrier, M.P.

The delegates will meet parliamentarians and government officials so as to strengthen bilateral relations and parliamentary cooperation. The delegates will also engage parliamentarians on democracy, governance, and economic issues; strengthen relations with regional organizations, most particularly the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); learn about the role of the media; and acquaint themselves with Canada's activity in the region, through contacts with parliamentarians, government officials, civil society groups, journalists, 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. In addition, the Association works to develop ties with regional parliamentary groupings and the Pan-African Parliament.

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