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VISIT OF MAURITIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

The Foreign Minister of Mauritius, Mr Gaetan Duval, will visit Canberra tomorrow, 22 February, as a guest of the Government.

Announcing this today, the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Willesee, said that he and officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Tourism and Recreation and Immigration, looked forward to meeting Mr Duval and to discussing matters of mutual interest with him.

During his visit to Canberra, Mr Duval will have discussions with Senator Willesee and will be given a lunch in Parliament House.

Mr Duval, who is also his country's Minister for Tourism and Emigration, is visiting Australia to represent the Government of Mauritius at the International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne.

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Mr Duval arrived in Australia from Tahiti yesterday and will fly to Melbourne on Friday to attend the Congress.

He is accompanied by his Secretary, Mr I.L.N. Francois.

(Note for editors: Mr Duval is expected to arrive in Canberra from Sydney tomorrow at 9.45 a.m., flight TN 499.)