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FRENCH PM GABRIEL ATTAL TO VISIT OTTAWA, MONTREAL & QUEBEC DURING 3 DAYS TRIP

DELIVERING SPEECH TO CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

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USPA NEWS - The French Prime Minister, Gabriel Attal, is undertaking an official visit from April 10 to 13, starting with Ottawa in Ontario, then Montreal and Quebec, French-speaking Canada. The french head of government, will deliver a speech before the National Assembly in Quebec on Thursday, then meetings and press conferences with his counterparts François Legault, while in Quebec eand Justin Trudeau Canadian Prime Ministers, and Mary Simon, General governor of Canada today

The young Prime Minister Attal will make this speech in front of the Canadian parliamentarians, in a very symbolically strong way because the last time that a French Prime Minister addressed the Canadian parliament was, forty years ago, during the speech by Laurent Fabius in 1984, who was 38 years old, versus Gabriel Attal, currently 35 years old and thus marking the 5th strawberry republic of a head of government, the youngest in its history.

The French Prime Minister thus intervenes before parliamentarians, just after last Thursday's vote by the French Senate against the CETA free trade treaty between the European Union and Canada thanks to a convenient alliance of left-right oppositions. CETA (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, CETA/CETA) is a free trade agreement between Canada and the European Union, signed in October 2016 and entered into provisional application on September 21, 2017. On January 20, 2023, CETA Germany became the 18th Member State to ratify the agreement.

According to Matignon (Prime's Minister Office), this trip will also be marked by the 21st alternate meeting of French and Quebec Prime Ministers, with an interview with the Prime Minister of Quebec François Legault, an intervention by the Prime Minister before the National Assembly of Quebec and economic meetings. This trip will be an opportunity to strengthen Franco-Quebec relations with priorities including increasing our economic relations, links between our youth and promoting the Francophonie. The Prime Minister will finally travel to Montreal to promote economic investments between France and Quebec and meet the French community." Source (French Prime Ministry)

This is certainly an initiative of the French head of government, to reassure both sides of the defendants of this free trade agreement between Canada and the European Union, two months before the next European elections, on June 6/9. To be continued...from Canada, reported by Rahma Sophia Rachdi, our correspondent in the field

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