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On Oct. 9 in Caracas, French President Francois Mitterrand pledged that his government was committed to assisting Venezuela in finding solutions to its foreign debt problems. Mitterrand said, "We must continue to put North-South relations on the table, finding pragmatic means of rapprochement, issues of common interest that will allow us to pick up the threats of negotiation once again." At a lunch in his honor, Mitterrand said that French businesspersons and bankers are confident about Venezuela's future, and are interested in investing in national industries. He added that his government is interested in expanding scientific and cultural cooperation with Venezuela. (Basic data from Xinhua, 10/09/89)

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