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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that the Canadian Government had given approval to the following delegation to the Sixth Session of the Economic and Social Council which is to be held in New York beginning February 2:

Delegate: The Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare

Alternate: Dr. G. F. Davidson, Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare (Welfare)

Advisers: Miss Dorothy Burwash, Economic Division, Department of External Affairs

Mr. R. B. Curry, Department of National Health and Welfare

Mr. S. Pollock, Department of Finance

Mr. L. Roy, American and Far Eastern Division, Department of External Affairs

Mr. J. H. Warren, United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs.

Mr. R. G. Riddell, United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs, will attend the preliminary meeting of the Agenda Committee and will be present from time to time as alternate delegate.

It is expected that this Session of the Economic and Social Council will last for about four weeks. Following the election of a President and Vice-President for 1948, the Council will deal with a lengthy and varied Agenda, ranging from the question of the admission of Monaco to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization to the problem of Genocide and a draft convention for its outlawing. The Council will consider reports from many of the special Commissions, such as the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and the Commission on Human Rights which has recently concluded its deliberations on an International Bill of Rights. The Government of Yugoslavia has requested the Council to consider "the damage caused to the Federal Peoples' Republic of Yugoslavia by withholding of its gold reserve in the United States", and the Council will consider the reports of such Specialized Agencies as the World Health Organization, the International Refugee Organization, the International Labour Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

The Economic and Social Council is composed of representatives of 18 states elected for three-year terms. Canada's membership will expire at the end of 1948 at which time Chile, China, France, the Netherlands and Peru will also retire from the Council.