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peace, stimulated to such an important extent by the work of the ILO itself and as Speech by the Acting Prime Minister and Secretary and as a bell and galdomong lof State for External Affairs, the Honourable adalasm as land and Paul Martin, at the Opening Session of the Eighth American Regional Conference of the International encb and se Labour Organization, Ottawa, September 12, 1966. that the itrat general characteristic of the ILO is a commitment to peace. The

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I am honoured and pleased, on behalf of the Government of Canada, to extend a welcome to you and to other representatives of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and to representatives of North, Central and South America participating in the Eighth American Regional Conference. The Prime Minister regrets that the necessity of attending the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers in London has made it impossible for him to greet you this morning. To the dark the thornes and esperant and of bas williams

The presence of the Director-General of the ILO, the Director-General of the Organization of American States and of governmental, labour and employer representatives, eminent in their respective fields in their own countries, makes this a noteworthy occasion for Canadians.

Sanada and the other nations of this region; and The holding of a major ILO conference in Canada is an event which will lead many of us in this country to reflect on earlier episodes in the history of this great international organization. It is 20 years since an ILO conference has been held in our country. We recall the years during the Second World War when the International Labour Office was located in Montreal.

of reported to Members of this House of Commons on the proceedings of the Philadelphia conference in 1944. It was my opinion then, and time has confirmed my opinion, that the declaration adopted in Philadelphia at a critical point in the life of the Organization was "one of the historic pronouncements of civilized men". In setting forth the right of all human beings to employment, economic security and equal opportunity, it helped to set new goals for humanity in the era following the Second World War. These relations with all independent nations in North, Central and

It seemed to us then that the principles set forth in Philadelphia would have been labelled revolutionary earlier in the century. I recall reflecting then on the "immense influence of time and knowledge on our ideas",