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pour le Cabinet**Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Cabinet*

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24TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. The 24th Session of the Economic and Social Council is meeting in Geneva from July 2 to August 2. Canada is at present serving a three-year term of office on the Council, which is composed of 18 members of the United Nations. The function of the Council is to review and coordinate the economic and social policies of the United Nations.

2. The Canadian Delegation is as follows:

Representative

Dr. R.A. MacKay,
Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, New York

Alternative Representatives

Mr. Wershof, Permanent Representative of Canada
to the European Office of the United Nations
Dr. G.F. Davidson, Deputy Minister of Welfare,
Department of National Health and Welfare
Dr. O.J. Firestone,
Department of Trade and Commerce
Mr. S. Pollock,
Department of Finance.

3. The items to be considered at this session are, in general, issues which have already been discussed and social policies, and the debate is more in the nature of a review of attitudes than the taking of decisions. As it has not yet been possible for Cabinet to review all these questions, the Canadian Delegation has been instructed to avoid commitments and to conduct its intervention along the lines of generally acceptable Canadian positions. If issues arise on which a Government decision is required, these will be referred to Cabinet. Subjects discussed in the Economic and Social Council are referred to the General Assem-