

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, and the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Jean Marchand, are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Charles Bédard as Canadian Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The ICAO, a Specialized Agency of the United Nations to which Canada is host in Montreal, was established in 1947 to ensure the safe and orderly growth of international civil aviation throughout the world. Representatives of thirty countries serve on the Council, a permanent executive body of which Canada has been a member since its inception.

Mr. Bédard brings to his appointment a background of knowledge in the field of international politics and law. A graduate of the Faculties of Law and Philosophy of Laval University in 1948, Mr. Bédard practiced law in Quebec City and subsequently undertook post graduate studies in international law at the University of Paris where he obtained his Doctor of Law Degree in 1952.

In 1953 he joined the Department of External Affairs serving successively in the United States, Indo-china, Haiti and Belgium. While in Ottawa he served in legal division and contributed to the Canadian Yearbook of International Law. He has published a book on "Le statut juridique des Grands Lacs de l'Amérique du Nord et du Fleuve Saint-Laurent" and has contributed to the publication "Canadian perspectives on international law".