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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO UNITED NATIONS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Walter F. McLean, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, today named the Canadian delegation to the United Nations World Conference on Women which will take place in Nairobi, Kenya, July 15-26, 1985. The Canadian delegation will be headed by Mr. McLean and will include federal and provincial ministers, parliamentarians and non-governmental representatives, all of whom are directly involved in advancing the status of women in Canada.

This Conference marks the culmination of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1976-1985. The purpose of the Conference is to examine the progress that has been made in achieving the Decade goals of equality, development and peace and its sub-themes of health, education and employment. In addition to reviewing the activities of the Decade, delegates will be developing strategies to overcome the obstacles in the path towards full equality for women.

'As a member of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Canada has contributed to the work of the United Nations in the advancement of women globally throughout the Decade,' Mr. Clark said. 'It is my hope that we will continue this level of participation in the years ahead.'

Mr. McLean added that Canada's presence at the Conference reflects our long-term commitment to the goals of the Decade. 'The strong Canadian participation is consistent with the high priority the federal government places on measures to advance the status of Canadian women,' he said.

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