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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that Canada has accepted an invitation to send observers to the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labour on the Alliance for Progress to be held in Bogota, Colombia, from May 5 to 11. Mr. Martin and the Minister of Labour have concurred in the appointment of the Canadian representative, Mr. Herbert E. Gray, Member of Parliament for Essex West, who will be accompanied by Mr. Paul Casselman of the Economics and Research Branch of the Department of Labour.

The Conference is to consider the participation of departments of labour and of workers in the national plans for economic and social development in the countries of Latin America.

The invitation was extended by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States in accordance with a resolution of the OAS Council adopted on April 18, inviting, with the concurrence of the Government of Colombia, certain named countries, including Canada, to participate in the Conference as observers.