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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON THE AGENCY FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION (ACCT)

The Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister for External Relations, will lead the Canadian delegation to the General Conference of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation to be held in Paris from December 12 to 14, 1983. The delegation will include representatives from Quebec and New Brunswick in their capacity of participating governments in the Agency. A counsellor from the Ontario government and one from Manitoba will also be part of the delegation.

The purpose of the General Conference will be to review the Agency's activities in the field of cultural and technical cooperation since the latest regular General Conference held in Libreville, Gabon in December, 1981, and to prepare recommendations for the future. Specifically, the Conference will have to approve programming and a budget for the period 1984-85.

Presently there are 38 Member States, Associate States and Participating Governments in the Agency, as compared with only about 20 when it was formed in 1970.

The General Conference will be preceded by a regular meeting of the Board of Directors from December 7 to 9.