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THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE 11TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCED TODAY CANADA'S DECISION TO ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION ON THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN. THE INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION WILL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK.

THE CONVENTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 7TH SESSION IN 1952. IT CAME INTO FORCE ON JULY 7, 1954. CANADA WILL BE THE TWENTY-FIFTH COUNTRY TO HAVE RATIFIED OR ACCEDED TO THE CONVENTION. EIGHTEEN OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNED BUT NOT YET RATIFIED IT.

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