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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THE HON HOWARD GREEN ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. L. V. J. ROY AS THE FIRST CANADIAN PERMANENT DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) IN PARIS.

ONE OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, UNESCO WAS FOUNDED IN 1946 WHEN ITS CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED BY 20 STATES, INCLUDING CANADA. ITS PURPOSE IS TO "CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND SECURITY BY PROMOTING COLLABORATION AMONG NATIONS THROUGH EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE IN ORDER TO FURTHER UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR JUSTICE, FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS WHICH ARE AFFIRMED FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD ..... BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS". UNESCO NOW HAS 82 MEMBER STATES AND 6 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

THE ORGANIZATION HAS THREE PRINCIPAL ORGANS. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, CONSISTING OF DELEGATES OF ALL MEMBER STATES, IS THE POLICY MAKING BODY AND MEETS EVERY TWO YEARS; THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM 24 MEMBER STATES AND MEETS PERIODICALLY BETWEEN GENERAL CONFERENCES TO SUPERVISE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME AND ADVISE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL. THE SECRETARIAT, LOCATED IN PARIS, CONSISTS OF ABOUT 1000 INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS RECRUITED FROM MORE THAN 50 MEMBER STATES.

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