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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO SECOND INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES
IN AFRICA (ICARA II)

The Honourable Jean Chrétien, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that Mr. Joseph S. Stanford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Africa and Middle East Branch, Department of External Affairs, will lead Canada's delegation to the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa (ICARA II).

ICARA II has been convened by the U.N. Secretary General and will be held in Geneva from July 9 to 11, 1984. It is jointly organised by the U.N. Secretariat, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organization for African Unity (OAU).

The objectives of ICARA II are to review the results of the earlier ICARA held in 1981, to consider the continuing need for refugee relief, rehabilitation and resettlement in Africa and to consider providing economic assistance to African countries to help them cope with the burden of caring for refugees and returnees to their territory.

The Canadian delegation will include officials of the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of External Affairs.