

of migrants for employment; a recommendation concerning recruitment, placing and conditions of labour of migrants; and a model agreement on temporary and permanent migration for employment including migration of refugees and displaced persons.

The departments that had examined the conventions and recommendation felt they were too rigid and should not be approved. The United Kingdom had an alternative convention for submission which Canada could support.

It was recommended that the Canadian delegation be instructed:

- (a) to support the convention as submitted by the United Kingdom;
- (b) to take the position that the draft I.L.O. convention was too rigid and would operate as a deterrent to free migration; and,
- (c) to vote in favour of any other proposed convention or recommendation only if it was in accordance with the principles agreed between the departments which had been consulted.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Minister's memorandum, May 31, 1949—Cabinet Document 975).†

5. *The Cabinet*, after discussion, approved the recommendation of the Minister of Mines and Resources and agreed that the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming I.L.O. conference at Geneva be instructed accordingly.

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*Note de la direction des Nations Unies
pour le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from United Nations Division
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

[Ottawa], July 11, 1949

I.L.O. CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL DISEASES; CANADIAN PARTICIPATION

I refer to your memorandum of July 7† and to your conversation of July 9 with Mr. Olivier about the Minister of Labour's recommendation to Cabinet concerning Canadian participation in the I.L.O. Conference on Pneumoconiosis and Silicosis to be held in Australia this year.

2. As you pointed out, there seems to be some misunderstanding on the extent of agreement already reached between the Departments of Labour and External Affairs with regard to the composition of the Canadian delegation, and, in view of this, it will be useful to review what has been done by all concerned in this matter from the day the Conference was first brought to the attention of the Canadian Government.

3. An invitation to send not less than two experts to the I.L.O. Conference was sent to the Department of Labour, with a copy addressed to External Affairs, on October 29, 1948. Before taking this matter up with this Department, the Minister of Labour wrote on November 5 to the Department of National Health and Welfare