

I said that the response to date has been gratifying, but there are indications that it may soon be described quite rightly as enthusiastic for there are many other countries which we believe will shortly announce their decisions to participate in the Exhibition. It would not be overly optimistic, I think, to look forward to the representation at the Exhibition of at least fifty, and perhaps more, Commonwealth and foreign countries.

To achieve this remarkable representation from abroad Commissioner General Dupuy and a number of his colleagues in the Corporation have been, are, and will be, visiting most of the countries to which invitations have been extended by the Canadian Government. During these visits they are able personally to outline to members and officials of the governments concerned the possibilities of participation open to them and to advise them about any problems or difficulties which may be anticipated. Canada's missions abroad are assisting the Corporation in this task, and are doing all they can themselves to stimulate interest, provide information and to encourage participation in the Exhibition. They are doing so because the Government, and particularly the Department of External Affairs, gives its enthusiastic support to Expo 67 and to the Corporation whose efforts are, in one sense, an extension of my Department's continuing efforts to make Canada and Canadians better known and understood abroad. I look forward confidently to an extent of participation by other countries in the Exhibition which will be a true expression of the esteem in which Canada is held throughout the world.