



PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA - CANADA

No. 43

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 6, 1951.

The Department of External Affairs today announced the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the Sixth Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which is scheduled to open at Geneva, Switzerland, on September 17.

The Delegation will be as follows:

Chairman

The Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce

Deputy Chairman

Dr. C.M. Izbister, Department of Trade and Commerce

Parliamentary Adviser

Mr. James Sinclair, M.P., Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance

Delegates

Mr. L. Couillard, Department of External Affairs
Mr. W.J. Callaghan, Department of Finance
Mr. S. Reisman, Department of Finance
Mr. M. Schwarzmann, Department of Trade and Commerce

Secretary

Mr. K. Goldschlag, Department of External Affairs

Under the General Agreement provision is made for the Contracting Parties to meet periodically for the purpose of giving effect to those provisions of the Agreement which involve joint action and, generally, with a view to facilitating the operation and furthering the objectives of the Agreement. The Canadian Delegation will support measures aimed at strengthening the GATT in view of its achievements to date in bringing the important trading countries into a common agreement on the conduct of trade. In addition, tariff negotiations under GATT have provided for the reduction of tariffs on products accounting for a large proportion of the world's trade.

At their forthcoming session the Contracting Parties will give particular consideration to proposals providing for the continuing administration of the Agreement and designed to improve the effectiveness of the GATT organization in the light of the decision not to proceed with the establishment of an International Trade Organization.