The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that Canada will send a delegation to the Intergovernmental Conference on European cultural policies organized by UNESCO to be held in Helsinki from June 19 to 28, 1972. The Canadian delegation will be led by the Honourable Gérard Pelletier, Secretary of State and will include:

President:

The Honourable Gérard Pelletier, Secretary of State.

Vice-President: (from June 19 to June 23)

The Honourable George Kerr, Minister of Colleges and Universities of Ontario.

Vice-President: (from June 24 to June 25)

The Honourable Thomas L. Wells, Minister of Education of Ontario.

Delegates:

The Honourable E. L. Tchorzewski, Minister of Culture and Youth of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Frédéric J. Arsenault, Principal Secretary, Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Pierre de Grandpré, Adviser to the Minister of Cultural Affairs of Quebec.

Mr. André Fortier, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Secretary of State Department (recently named Director of Canada Council).

Mr. David Bartlett, Secretary General, Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

Mr. Christopher Anstis, Cultural Affairs Division, Department of External Affairs.

The Helsinki Conference will study, among other subjects, the cultural policies of European Member States, larger access to and participation in culture, the challenge of innovation, the promotion of culture, instruments for the analysis of cultural development, and the bases and prospects for greater cultural co-operation.