

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today the composition of the official Canadian representation at the United Nations Water Conference which is taking place in Mar del Plata, Argentina, from March 14 to 25, 1977.

The United Nations General Assembly in 1975 decided to convene a water conference to consider how best to manage the global fixed stock of water in order to avoid a potential water crisis within the next few years. The Conference will consider the problem of supply, the available technology and the various management techniques and policies which might be adopted.

The Canadian Delegation will be led by the Honourable Raymond Perrault, P.C., Government Leader in the Senate. Senator Perrault was born in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1926. He was a member of the British Columbia legislature from 1960 to 1968, and was elected to the House of Commons in 1968. He was summoned to the Senate in 1973 and became Government Leader in 1974. Senator Perrault has participated in a number of international conferences including the United Nations General Assembly in 1969, the International Labour Organization Conference in Geneva in 1972 and the Habitat Conference on Human Settlements, which was held in Vancouver in 1976.

The Honourable Sydney Green, Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Affairs in the Province of Manitoba, and Chairman of the Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers, will act as Deputy Head of Delegation.

The other members of the Delegation will be:

Mr. A.P. Bissonnet  
Ambassador of Canada to the  
Argentine Republic

The Honourable Neil Byers  
Minister of the Environment  
Province of Saskatchewan