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## THE CANADIAN DELEGATION AT THE RESUMED NINTH SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mark MacGuigan, announced that he will head the Canadian Delegation to the resumed ninth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea which opens today in Geneva and runs until August 29, 1980. Canada's High Commissioner to Australia, J. Alan Beesley, is Vice Chairman of the Delegation.

This resumed session will follow up on the substantial progress achieved at the first part of the session in New York this spring, with the agreed objective of finalizing texts and formulating a draft Convention. The New York meeting was successful in producing a second revision of the Informal Composite Negotiating Text (ICNT/Rev 2), the Conference's main working document, which will be the basis for further negotiation in Geneva. Prospects for the success of the Conference remain good but a number of important issues remain to be resolved, most of them relating to deep seabed mining, including: seabed nickel production regulation, transfer of technology, the composition of the Council of the International Seabed Authority and its decision making mechanisms, and the financing and statute of the Enterprise (the international seabed mining company). While the question of a formula to determine the limits of the continental shelf appears to have been satisfactorily resolved in New York, new concerns have arisen about the coastal state's rights in respect of marine scientific research on the continental margin beyond 200 miles and the terms of reference of an international commission on the limits of the continental shelf. Canada will ask the