

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced that the Honourable Robert Stanbury, Minister of Communications, would lead the Canadian delegation which will attend the ceremonies to be held on November 4 and 5 at UNESCO headquarters in Paris to mark the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Over the years since its founding conference in Paris in 1946, UNESCO has evolved from an international organization whose activities may have appeared to be of marginal importance in the post-war world, to an active and vital agency whose priorities coincide to an increasing extent with the interests of Canada and the world community. Among the areas of UNESCO's activity of particular interest to Canada, are its work in the field of international development assistance, as well as its co-operative research programmes on "Man and the Biosphere" and on communications and cultural policies.

In addition to the Honourable Mr. Stanbury, the Canadian delegation will also include:

Mr. René Garneau, Canadian Ambassador to UNESCO

Mr. Napoléon LeBlanc, Member of the Executive Board  
of UNESCO, Chairman of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO

Mr. Alan Gotlieb, Deputy Minister of Communications

Miss Alice Frigon, Shawinigan, Quebec

Mr. Lucien Bradet, Department of Communications

Mr. John Fieldhouse, Canadian Permanent Delegation  
to UNESCO