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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable
Mr. Joe Clark, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, the
Honourable Mr. Marc Lalonde, and the Minister of Manpower and Immigration,
Honourable Robert Andras, are pleased to announce the preparations
the Government has initiated in order to participate fully in the
World Population Year, 1974. The highlight of this
preparation will be the World Population Conference, to be held under the
auspices of the United Nations in Bucharest, Romania, from August 17
to September 12, 1974. The Government of Canada has prepared and submitted
to the United Nations "Second Inquiry on Population Growth
and Development". This "Country Statement", which is a factual account
of the present status of population-related policies and programmes in
Canada, was presented in the House of Commons on October 17, 1973.

As part of the ongoing preparations for the Bucharest
Conference, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, in con-
sultation with the Family Planning Federation of Canada and the Inter-
national Institute on Population, has been asked to host a series of public
hearings in various regions.

CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORLD POPULATION YEAR

The purpose of the series of meetings will be to seek the
views of interested Canadians and organizations on the agenda items
which the United Nations has decided upon for the Bucharest Conference.

- recent population trends and future prospects;
- relations between population change and economic
and social development;
- relations between population, resources and
environment;
- population, family and human well-being;
- the World Population Plan of Action.

The Federal Government has written to the appropriate
Ministers and the territorial authorities to inform them of
the programme of public consultation and to elicit their interest and
views. The Federal Government is also looking forward to exchanging
views with the provinces as well as the two territorial governments after
meetings have been held with a view to discussing Canadian
participation in the World Population Conference.

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