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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WILL CONVENE ITS 26TH SESSION AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS AT GENEVA ON JULY 1, 1958. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SESSION WILL LAST UNTIL AUGUST 2, 1958. CANADA'S THIRD THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE COUNCIL WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

THE COUNCIL HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DISCHARGING, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS. IT INITIATES STUDIES AND REPORTS AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH MATTERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE PROMOTION OF UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND QUESTIONS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT AND TO THE EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE. THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FINANCING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES AFFECTING THE INTERNATIONAL FLOW OF PRIVATE CAPITAL, AND STUDIES CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF FOREIGN PRIVATE CAPITAL IN CAPITAL-EXPORTING AND CAPITAL-IMPORTING COUNTRIES.

ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT SUBJECTS BEFORE THE COUNCIL WILL BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND WHICH WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE WORK PRESENTLY BEING DONE BY THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME TO AID UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING THEIR ECONOMIC RESOURCES.

THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA ALSO INCLUDES INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY QUESTIONS AND MATTERS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD RESERVE. OTHER ITEMS WHICH HAVE A PLACE ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA ARE THE REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION, UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES UNDER THE REGULAR AND EXPANDED PROGRAMMES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THE PROGRAMME OF ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, AND THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL BE WALLACE B. NESBITT, M.P. DR. G.F. DAVIDSON, DEPUTY MINISTER OF WELFARE, HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR 1958. HE WILL PRESIDE OVER THE SESSION AND WILL BE THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL. THE DELEGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE M.H. WERSHOF, Q.C., PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA; S. POLLOCK, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND CONTRIBUTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; AND L.A.D. STEPHENS, COUNSELLOR, CANADIAN EMBASSY, BONN.