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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR. LUCIEN CARDIN, M.P., PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN NAMED CANADIAN DELEGATE TO THE 22ND SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS (ECOSOC) TO BE HELD IN GENEVA FROM JULY 9 TO AUGUST 10. CANADA WAS ELECTED AT THE 20TH SESSION FOR A THIRD THREE-YEAR TERM, FROM 1956-1958, TO THE 18-MEMBER COUNTRY COUNCIL OF ECOSOC.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE FIVE ALTERNATES; DR. R.A. MACKAY, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK; MR. HECTOR ALLARD, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA; MR. A.J. MACEACHEN, M.P.; DR. G.F. DAVIDSON, DEPUTY MINISTER OF WELFARE; MR. A.F.W. PLUMPTRE, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE. PRINCIPAL ADVISOR IS MR. A.A. DAY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

THIS IS THE MAIN MEETING OF ECOSOC TO BE HELD THIS YEAR AND FOLLOWS THE 21ST SESSION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK FROM APRIL 17 TO MAY 4.

THE COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS. TO THIS END IT EXAMINES THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF ITS EIGHT FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND OF OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES, SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF), AS WELL AS THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. CANADA HAS JOINED ALL TEN OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND IS AT PRESENT AN ELECTED MEMBER OF FOUR OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS, THE POPULATION COMMISSION, THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, THE COMMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL