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COMMONWEALTH YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL BIENNIAL MEETING
APRIL 3-7, 1978

The Canadian Delegation to the Commonwealth Youth Affairs Council Meeting taking place in Ottawa April 3-7, 1978 at the Conference Centre will be headed by Mr. Robert Daudlin, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State. Other members of the delegation will be Miss Jean Gordon, Student, Vancouver, B.C.; Mr. Jacques Kurtness, Quebec Regional Office, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; and Mr. Peter Ross, Maritime Regional Office, Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO).

The Commonwealth Youth Affairs Council is the governing body of the Commonwealth Youth Programme, which was established in 1973 by the Heads of Government at their meeting in Ottawa. Its purpose is to promote and organize programmes and projects which will foster the development of youth throughout the Commonwealth. At its last meeting in Malta the Council accepted Canada's invitation to host this meeting.

The Council will review the work of the Commonwealth Youth Programme and establish priorities for the next two years. It is expected that each of the 36 member countries of the Commonwealth will be sending delegations to Ottawa for this meeting.

Secretary of State John Roberts will deliver a welcoming address during the opening ceremonies on Monday, April 3, 1978. The Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General, Mr. Anyaoku will be in Ottawa throughout the meetings. The host government is responsible for appointing the Chairman for the meeting and Miss Denise Moncion, Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Citizenship) will assume this responsibility. The meeting will be held in the Government Conference Centre across the street from the Château Laurier.