

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Michel Dupuy to act as his deputy in his role of Co-chairman of the Conference on International Economic Co-operation in Paris. Mr. Dupuy will hold the personal rank of Ambassador.

Mr. Dupuy, 46, originally from Montreal, was educated in Montreal (Collège Stanislas) and the Universities of Oxford (Balliol) and Paris, receiving from the latter a Doctorate in International Law in 1954. He is also a graduate of the Institute of Political Science, Paris. Mr. Dupuy joined External Affairs in 1955 and served in Washington and, later, in Brussels as Deputy Head of the Canadian Mission to the European Economic Communities (1963-68) and Deputy Permanent Representative on the Canadian Delegation to the North Atlantic Council (1968-69). Mr. Dupuy returned to External Affairs headquarters in 1969 where he has been Director General of the then Office of Economic Affairs (1969-71) and, since 1971, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Conference on International Economic Cooperation represents a new venture in international economic cooperation bringing together twenty-seven representative developed, OPEC and oil consuming developing countries to discuss a variety of energy, trade, financial and developmental issues. The Conference's four Commissions on Energy, Raw Materials, Development and Finance, each with fifteen members selected from the 27 members of the Conference, will meet periodically over the coming year and seek to reach agreement by consensus on the issues facing the Conference. It is hoped that the Conference will help to find solutions to current international economic problems which will be accepted by the international community and work for the benefit of all.

Mr. Dupuy's replacement as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs will be announced shortly.