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CANADA'S ELECTION TO THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE
BOARD APPLAUDED BY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS
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"It is Canada's feeling that its efforts to remodel UNESCO should take place from within, and it is from within -- from the Executive Board -- that we are now going to be able to work", said Mrs. Monique Landry as she greeted with pleasure the news that Canada's candidate had won an impressive victory in being elected to the Board on Saturday, October 28, with 140 out of a possible 157 votes.

The Canadian candidate, Marie Bernard-Meunier, was elected with the largest number of seats of the six Western candidates. She will sit on the Executive Board for the next four years, from 1990 to 1993. "These years", stated Minister Landry, "will be the most decisive for UNESCO and for the Member States. They will see a foundation laid for tomorrow's international programs in culture, communications and information."

"For many of my colleagues in Communications, Environment, the Secretary of State Department, Fisheries and Oceans, and for for me", the Minister added, "this is an important step toward making UNESCO a key instrument for numerous scientific, educational and cultural programs of great importance both to Canadians and to the Member States. It is also an honour to sit on the UNESCO Executive Board; Mrs. Bernard-Meunier has won this honour, and she is to be congratulated.

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