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The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of Transport today announced the composition of the Canadian delegation to the meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) of the United Nations, which opens at Lake Success on November 30.

Head of Delegation

Mr. J. V. Clyne, Chairman of the Canadian Maritime Commission, Ottawa.

Delegate and Alternate Head of Delegation

Mr. L. C. Audette, Commissioner, Canadian Maritime Commission, Ottawa.

Delegate

Mr. Norman Wilson, Chief, Aids to Navigation Division, Department of Transport, Ottawa.

Secretary of the Delegation

Mr. S. P. Wheelock, Canadian Embassy, Washington.

At a meeting of IMCO held in Geneva, Switzerland, last February, Canada was elected to the Chairmanship of the November meeting of the Preparatory Committee. Mr. Clyne, therefore, will preside as Chairman over the meetings. Both Mr. Audette and Mr. Wilson were among the Canadian delegates named to the Geneva meeting of IMCO.

One of the main responsibilities of the Preparatory Committee will be to set up a body within the United Nations to deal with international shipping matters concerning the signatory nations in a manner similar to that in which international aviation is served by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

A draft convention was passed at the Geneva meeting which outlined the organization's scope, purposes and functions. Canada is one of the signatories of this convention.