

I. INTRODUCTION

The 69th Inter-Parliamentary Conference was held in Rome from September 12 to 22, 1982.

The Executive Committee, on which there is currently no Canadian representative, met on September 12, 21 and 23 while the Inter-Parliamentary Council met on the mornings of September 13 and 22. The actual Conference started on the morning of the 14th, and ended late on the evening of Wednesday, September 22.

The Canadian delegation was led by Hon. Gildas Molgat, Senator, President of the Canadian Group, member of the Inter-Parliamentary Council and Vice-President of the Conference. Mr. Molgat was accompanied by his wife. The other members of the delegation were:

For the Senate

Hon. Martial Asselin, P.C., Senator and Mrs. Asselin
Hon. Pêter Bosa, Senator
Hon. Yvette Rousseau, Senator

For the House of Commons

Mr. Dennis Dawson, M.P.
Mr. Benno Friesen, M.P. and Mrs. Friesen
Mr. Gérald Laniel, M.P. and Mrs. Laniel
Hon. Allan Lawrence, P.C., M.P., member of the Inter-Parliamentary Council, and Mrs. Lawrence
Hon. Bryce Mackasey, P.C., M.P., and Mrs. Mackasey
Mr. Douglas Neil, M.P. and Mrs. Neil
Mr. David Orlikow, M.P. and Mrs. Orlikow
Mr. Marcel Prud'homme, M.P., Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Questions, International Security and Disarmament

The delegation was accompanied by Mr. Martin Lavoie, Administrative Secretary of the Canadian Group, and Mr. Roger Hill, Advisor.

Mr. Charles Lussier, Clerk of the Senate, Mr. Richard Greene, Clerk Assistant of the Senate, and Dr. C.B. Koester, Clerk of the House of Commons, participated in the meetings of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments. Mr. Lussier was accompanied by his wife.

II. THE 69TH CONFERENCE: ITS WORK

A. THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The Inaugural Ceremony of the 69th Conference took place in the Auditorium of Santa Cecilia late on the morning of September 14, 1982. Following the introduction of the members of the Executive Committee to Mr. Sandro Pertini, the Italian Head of State; the President of the Italian Group of the I.P.U., Mr. Giulio Andreotti delivered a welcoming address.