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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WILL CONVENE AT THE FACULTY OF LAW SOCIAL SCIENCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, ON MARCH 28, 1960. CANADA WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE 18 MEMBER COMMISSION BY MRS. HARRY QUART, P.O.S. OF QUEBEC CITY.

THE COMMISSION, WHOSE FUNCTION IT IS TO PREPARE STUDIES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF WOMENS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL STATUS, WILL HAVE A HEAVY AGENDA FOR ITS THREE WEEK SESSION. IT IS EXPECTED TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO A REPORT PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WHICH CONTAINS A DRAFT CONVENTION AND A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE OF MARRIAGE, FREE CONSENT AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES.

THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER REPORTS ON THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TRUST AND NON-Self-GOVERNING TERRITORIES; ON THE ACCESS OF WOMEN TO EDUCATION; ON EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK; ON TAX LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO WOMEN; ON THE OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK FOR WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING AND LAW; AND ON LEGISLATION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW, ADVISORY SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN, REPORTS FROM THE INTER AMERICAN COMMISSION ON WOMEN. FINALLY, IT WILL CONSIDER ITS FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES.

MRS. QUART WILL BE ASSISTED BY MISS MARION ROYCE, DIVISION OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR.