

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Professor Douglas V. LePan has been appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as an expert consultant to assist in the preparation of a report on the "Economic and Social Consequences of the Arms Race and of Military Expenditures". The Secretary-General's report will be compiled in accordance with a resolution which Canada co-sponsored at the XXV United Nations General Assembly calling for all governments to extend their full co-operation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to ensure that the study will be carried out in the most effective way and requesting that the report be transmitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its XXVI Session.

Professor LePan's experience covers notable contributions to the Canadian and the international community. For example, he served as Secretary and Director of Research of the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects in 1955-57, and in 1950 he was a senior Canadian representative to the preparatory conference for the Colombo Plan of economic assistance to countries in Southeast Asia. Professor LePan also was a Canadian representative at the Commonwealth Economic Conference in 1952, and at the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference in 1958. He served as Minister for economic affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Washington and as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs responsible for economic and defence matters from 1957 to 1959. Subsequently, Professor LePan was Principal of University College, University of Toronto from 1964 to 1970, when he was appointed a special University Professor.