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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1957.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT DR. R.A. MACKAY, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND MRS. M. A. SHIPLEY, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR TEMISKAMING AND MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ARE SIGNING TODAY ON BEHALF OF CANADA, THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN. THIS CONVENTION WAS ADOPTED ON JANUARY 29 BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IT WAS DECIDED AT THAT TIME TO OPEN THE CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION AT THE CLOSE OF THIS PRESENT SESSION. THE SIGNING CEREMONY IS TAKING PLACE AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEAD-QUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONVENTION IS TO ELIMINATE CONFLICTS OF LAW ARISING OUT OF PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE LOSS OR ACQUISITION OF NATIONALITY BY WOMEN AS A RESULT OF MARRIAGE, OF ITS DISSOLUTION OR OF A CHANGE IN THE NATIONALITY OF THE HUSBAND DURING MARRIAGE.