

should not be permitted to increase the per capita contribution of Canada to a point where it would exceed that of the United States.

Should the Canadian attitude not prevail, the delegation should reserve Canada's position and refer the matter to the Government for a final decision.

An expanded paper on this subject is appended to this memorandum as Appendix A.†

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### SECTION C

#### ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DU TRAVAIL INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

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*Note du secrétaire d'État par intérim aux Affaires extérieures  
pour le Cabinet*

*Memorandum from Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Cabinet*

Ottawa, May 5, 1949

CANADIAN DELEGATION TO 32ND SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR  
CONFERENCE, GENEVA, JUNE 8—JULY 2

#### *Background*

The 32nd Session of the International Labour Conference (established under the Labour Part of the Treaties of Paris, 1919) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from June 8 until about July 2, 1949.

The agenda of the 32nd Session calls for discussion of various general and topical labour problems such as those relating to the right to organize and bargain collectively, industrial relations and protection of wages. In addition, the Conference will discuss revision of certain international conventions relating to migration for employment, employment agencies and maritime matters.

The Canadian Delegation to the 31st Session of the ILO at San Francisco in 1948 was composed of twelve representatives, divided equally among government, employers' and workers' groups. It was the experience of the members of this delegation that, because of the length of the agenda at the San Francisco Conference, Canadian representation was not large enough to ensure complete and efficient participation in all discussions. The agenda for this year's Conference is at least as lengthy and, because of this, both employers' and workers' delegates have made representations for the Delegation to the 32nd Session at Geneva to be increased.

In view of the above, the Minister of Labour and the Secretary of State for External Affairs agreed that it would be advisable to include five representatives of each group in the Canadian Delegation to the forthcoming Session. However, after this agreement had been reached, the International Labour Office added a further