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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MRS. HARRY S. QUART, M.B.E., AT PRESENT SERVING AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE XII SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CANADA ON THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO WHICH CANADA HAS BEEN ELECTED FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 1958 IS A 15-MEMBER FUNCTIONAL COMMISSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. THE COMMISSION PREPARES RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL ON SUBJECTS HAVING TO DO WITH WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CIVIL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA IN MARCH, 1958.

BORN IN QUEBEC CITY, MRS. QUART IS A GRADUATE OF ST. LEWIS ACADEMY, QUEBEC AND DID POST-GRADUATE STUDIES AT THE NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC IN BOSTON. MRS. QUART IS THE MOTHER OF FOUR SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER AND HAS TWENTY GRANDCHILDREN. FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE QUEBEC BRANCH OF THE WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES (W.V.S.) DURING WORLD WAR II, MRS. QUART RECEIVED THE DECORATION OF MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (M.B.E.) FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HER COUNTRY. DURING HER MANY YEARS OF ASSOCIATION WITH CIVIC, EDUCATIONAL, COMMUNITY AND CHARITABLE WORKS, MRS. QUART HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE QUEBEC VETERANS WELFARE COMMITTEE; PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF THE ARMED SERVICES FAMILY WELFARE COMMITTEE; CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE LEGAL STATUS FOR MARRIED WOMEN OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC; HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE QUEBEC CITIZENS' COMMITTEE; A DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND; AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF WOMEN'S GROUPS ON THE QUEBEC REHABILITATION COMMITTEE. SHE IS AT PRESENT ONE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION AND PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. DURING THE MOVEMENT TO OBTAIN THE FRANCHISE IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE WOMEN OF QUEBEC MRS. QUART WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION WHICH PRESENTED THE PETITION ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT.