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Hon. René Tremblay to Lead Delegation to ECOSOC

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced that the Honourable René Tremblay, P.C., M.P., will lead the Canadian Delegation to the 42nd Session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which will meet in New York from May 8 to June 2, 1967. The alternate representatives will be Mr. B.I. Rankin, Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela; Mr. J.O. Parry, Acting Head of United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs, and Mr. R.M. Middleton also from United Nations Division. The delegation will also include advisers from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York.

The Economic and Social Council is responsible for giving overall direction to the activities of the United Nations and its affiliated agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields. The forthcoming session will concentrate on the work programme of the United Nations itself in these areas, including its activities in social development, housing, building and planning, the international control of narcotic drugs, and reform and transport development. Two major items the Council will deal with are a proposal for a five-year global survey of non-agricultural natural resources, and an expert report on the United Nations programme of research and assistance in the field of public administration. In the human rights field, the Council will discuss such items as the measures taken in implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Canada began its present three-year term on the 27-member Council in 1965. Canada has served three previous terms on the Council, the most recent being from 1956-1958.

(Biography Attached)