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The Department of External Affairs announced today that a Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council will be held in Paris commencing on April 23.

Canada will be represented by Mr. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, Mr. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, and Mr. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs. Their chief advisers will be Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. A. D. P. Heeney, Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Lieutenant-General Charles Foulkes; Chairman, Chiefs of Staff, and Mr. J. J. Deutsch, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance.

The Ministerial Meeting is expected to last 2-3 days and will be preceded by meetings of the Military Committee and by joint meetings of the Military Committee and the North Atlantic Council. Among the main tasks of the Ministerial Meeting will be completion of the 1952 Annual Review, and consideration of recent developments of common concern.