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MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1958.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL CONVENE ITS 25TH SESSION AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON APRIL 15, 1958. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SESSION WILL LAST FOR THREE WEEKS. CANADA'S THIRD THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE COUNCIL WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT YEAR. THE COUNCIL, UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IS ENTRUSTED WITH RESPONSIBILITIES RESPECTING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, HEALTH AND RELATED MATTERS AND INITIATES STUDIES AND REPORTS AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THESE QUESTIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

AT THIS SESSION THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF WATER RESOURCES. IT WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA ALONG THE LINES OF THE THREE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS ALREADY FUNCTIONING UNDER ITS AEGIS IN EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA AND THE FAR EAST. THE COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND FOR 1958. AMONG THE HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE UNICEF HAS ALWAYS DRAWN A WARM RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF CANADA. THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF UNICEF WAS SOME \$20 MILLION IN 1957, OF WHICH CANADA CONTRIBUTED \$668,615 (U.S.). ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES AT PRESENT ENJOY SOME FORM OF UNICEF AID, WHICH REACHES OVER 30 MILLION MOTHERS AND CHILDREN. OTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL WILL BE THE REPORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE 25TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE, DR. G.F. DAVIDSON; ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES, MR. L.E. COUILLARD AND MR. J.A. IRWIN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ADVISERS FOR THE DELEGATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.