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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE ELECTION OF CANADA TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, ONE OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN PREPARES RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON MATTERS CONCERNED WITH THE PROMOTION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CIVIL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS. IT IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 18 MEMBER STATES. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION DURING 1958 WILL BE ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CHINA, CUBA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FRANCE, JAPAN, ISRAEL, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, POLAND, SWEDEN, THE U.S.S.R., THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA.

CANADA'S TERM OF OFFICE IS FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 1958.