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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE COMPOSITION OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WHICH COMMENCES IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND ON FEBRUARY 24.

THE HONOURABLE GEORGE A. DREW, P.C., Q.C., HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN LONDON, WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION. OTHER DELEGATES ARE:

- M. H. WERSHOF, Q.C. - CANADIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA;
- MARCEL CADIEUX - LEGAL ADVISER AND ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS;
- R. G. ROBERTSON - DEPUTY MINISTER OF NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES;
- S. V. OZERE - ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES;
- L. J. LEAVEY - LEGAL ADVISER, CANADIAN MARITIME COMMISSION; AND
- PROFESSOR G. F. CURTIS - DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE SECRETARY OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE M. W. CUNNINGHAM OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE. ADVISERS WILL BE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN OTTAWA AND FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION IN GENEVA.

THE CONFERENCE IN QUESTION HAS BEEN CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOLLOWING UPON A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS "TO EXAMINE THE LAW OF THE SEA, TAKING ACCOUNT NOT ONLY OF THE LEGAL BUT ALSO THE TECHNICAL, BIOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM, AND TO EMBODY THE RESULTS OF ITS WORK IN ONE OR MORE INTER-NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OR SUCH OTHER INSTRUMENTS AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE". IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD STUDY THE QUESTION OF FREE ACCESS TO THE SEA OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES, AS ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE OR TREATIES.