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Appointment of Mr. J. Douglas Gibson
as the Canadian Representative on the
United Nations Ad Hoc Committee of
Financial Experts

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Paul Martin, today announced the appointment of Mr. J. Douglas Gibson of Toronto as the Canadian representative on the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee of Financial Experts. This Committee was established by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly adopted on December 13, 1965. The resolution requests the Committee to examine the present financial situation of the United Nations and the entire range of budgetary problems of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Committee is asked to submit to the twenty-first session of the General Assembly "such recommendations as it may deem appropriate, relating particularly to a better utilization of the funds available to the organizations, a rationalization of their activities and the evaluation of a reasonable and orderly expansion taking into account both the needs of Member States and the costs they appear able to accept". On December 21, 1965, it was announced that Canada would be one of the fourteen members of this Committee, the other member states being: Argentina, Brazil, France, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Nigeria, Senegal, USSR, UAR, United Kingdom and the United States.

Mr. Gibson was born in Toronto, Ontario, on September 3, 1909. He graduated in 1931 in Political Science and Economics from the University of Toronto. Mr. Gibson is a Director of the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada Limited and was formerly General Manager and Deputy Chairman of the Bank of Nova Scotia. He was a member of the Porter Royal Commission on Banking and Finances and is a former President of the National Council of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and of the Canadian Political Science Association. Mr. Gibson is a former Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council of the Canadian Chambers of Commerce. During World War II, he was the Chief of Economic Research of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.