

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, today announced that he will lead the Canadian Delegation to the Fourth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD IV) beginning May 3rd in Nairobi, Kenya. During his attendance at the Conference he will be accompanied by Mr. Michel Dupuy, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. The Deputy Head of Delegation will be Mr. Geoffrey Bruce, the Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York and Canadian Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

In addition to Mr. Bruce, the Delegation will be made up of officials from the Departments of Finance, Industry, Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Ministry of State for Science and Technology, and External Affairs.

Representatives of each of the four parties in Parliament will also attend the opening week of the Conference as observers. They are:

D. McKenzie	Member for Winnipeg South Centre,
L. Nystrom	Member for Yorkton-Melville,
G. Rondeau	Member for Shefford,
P. Stollery	Member for Spadina.

UNCTAD IV will carry forward consideration of proposals for a new international economic order which were initiated at the 6th and 7th special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in 1974 and 1975. Discussions at the Conference are expected to centre on commodity trade, financial issues including debt, access to markets, and the transfer of technology. Special attention will also be paid to the economic situation of the least developed of the developing countries. Ministers from more than 100 third world countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East met recently in Manila to prepare a statement of their position which they will submit formally to the Conference. The discussions and the conclusions of the Conference will give direction to the further work of UNCTAD and will influence the ongoing dialogue of the Conference on International Economic Co-operation of which the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen is Co-Chairman. Mr. MacEachen will address the Conference on May 7.