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Fifth Inter-American Conference on Indian Affairs

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that Canada has accepted an invitation to send observers to the Fifth Inter-American Indian Conference to be held in Quito, Ecuador, from October 19 to 25. Mr. Martin and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. René Tremblay, have concurred in the appointment of two observers, Mr. Robert F. Battle, Director of Indian Affairs, and Mr. Jean H. Lagassé, Acting Director of Citizenship.

The Conference is to consider and exchange views on problems connected with native populations such as education, health, languages, social and economic conditions and handicrafts.

The invitation was extended by the Government of Ecuador which is the host country for this Conference.