As a member of Parliament, Mr. MacDonald has participated in a number of international conferences and commissions which dealt with the more important issues facing the African continent. In 1968, he became actively involved in the resolution of the Nigerian civil war. From 1974 to 1979, he participated as a Canadian Representative on the Anglo-North American Parliamentary Conference on Africa. In 1982, he co-chaired the Canadian Conference in Solidarity with the Liberations Struggles of the People of Southern Africa. More recently, he served as Canadian Emergency Coordinator/African Famine. In that capacity he led seven missions to more than a dozen drought and famine affected countries. Mr. MacDonald succeeds Mr. M.C. Lemieux.