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CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD
CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

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The Canadian Delegation to the United Nations World Conference of the International Women's Year, to be held in Mexico City from June 19 to July 2, will be headed by Coline Campbell, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.

In making the announcement today, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, noted that the Canadian delegation will be limited to nine members, in accordance with the suggestions of the United Nations, and in line with the delegations being fielded by other participating countries. The delegation will include four federal officials, three provincial representatives and a member of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

The Minister also stated that there would be a formal consultation with the provinces prior to the development of the position to be taken by Canada at the Conference. A consultative meeting will also be held about the Canadian position with representative non-government organizations.

At the same time Mr. MacEachen announced that Canada, through the Canadian International Development Agency will contribute an amount of \$20,000 to the Voluntary Fund of the International Women's Year, from which the United Nations is paying all expenses associated with this year, including the cost of the World Conference. This amount will be earmarked to assist developing countries to participate in the World Conference.

Interested groups should also be aware that a Non-Governmental Organizations-Conference Tribune will be held concurrently with the official World Conference. For further information on these parallel activities one may write to the Tribune Office, Room 815, 345 E. 46th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.