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The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced the composition of the Canadian delegation to the international Conference on Tariffs and Trade which is scheduled to open in Torquay, England, on September 28.

The delegation will be as follows:

Chairman of Delegation

Mr. L. D. Wilgress, High Commissioner for Canada in the United Kingdom

Deputy Chairman

Mr. H. B. McKinnon, Chairman, Canadian Tariff Board

Representatives

Mr. J. J. Deutsch, Department of Finance
Dr. C. M. Isbister, Department of Trade and Commerce
Mr. W. J. Callaghan, Department of Finance
Mr. Louis Couillard, Department of External Affairs
Mr. A. L. Neal, Department of Trade and Commerce
Mr. S. S. Reisman, Department of Finance
Dr. A. E. Richards, Department of Agriculture
Mr. E. G. Barrow, Department of Trade and Commerce
Mr. H. V. Jarrett, Department of Trade and Commerce
Mr. J. P. C. Gauthier, Department of Trade and Commerce

Secretary

Mr. H. H. Wright, Department of External Affairs

The Torquay Conference will include two sets of meetings under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The first will consist of a third round of multilateral tariff negotiations commencing when the Conference opens. These meetings will follow the pattern of the Geneva (1947) and Ancey (1949) tariff negotiations and are expected to continue for six months.

The second set of meetings will take place under the terms of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which require CONTRACTING PARTIES to meet from time to time to give effect to certain provisions of the Agreement which involve joint action and, generally, to facilitate the operation and to further the objectives of the Agreement. These meetings opening on November 2, will be the fifth such session of CONTRACTING PARTIES since the negotiation of the General Agreement at Geneva in 1947.

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Mr. Wilgress has been re-elected Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES; in that position he will preside over the tariff negotiations and the Fifth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Mr. McKinnon will be Chairman of the two Canadian negotiating teams; for this purpose he will be seconded to the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Deutsch of the Department of Finance will be in charge of the negotiations with regard to Canadian tariffs and Mr. Isbister of the Department of Trade and Commerce will be in charge of the negotiations with regard to foreign tariffs.

The following countries are expected to participate in the Torquay Conference:

Australia	India
Austria	Indonesia
Benelux (i.e. Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxemburg)	Italy
Brazil	Liberia
Burma	New Zealand
Ceylon	Nicaragua
Chile	Norway
Cuba	Pakistan
Czechoslovakia	Peru
Denmark	The Philippines
Dominican Republic	Sweden
Finland	Syria-Lebanon Union
France	Turkey
Western Germany	United Kingdom
Greece	Union of South Africa
Guatemala	United States
Haiti	Uruguay
