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Hon. René Tremblay to Lead Delegation to ECOSOC

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced that the Honourable René Tremblay, P.C., M.P., will lead the Canadian Delegation to the 42nd Session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which will meet in New York from May 8 to June 2, 1967. The alternate representatives will be Mr. B.I. Rankin, Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela; Mr. J.O. Parry, Acting Head of United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs, and Mr. R.M. Middleton also from United Nations Division. The delegation will also include advisers from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York.

The Economic and Social Council is responsible for giving overall direction to the activities of the United Nations and its affiliated agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields. The forthcoming session will concentrate on the work programme of the United Nations itself in these areas, including its activities in social development, housing, building and planning, the international control of narcotic drugs, and reform and transport development. Two major items the Council will deal with are a proposal for a five-year global survey of non-agricultural natural resources, and an expert report on the United Nations programme of research and assistance in the field of public administration. In the human rights field, the Council will discuss such items as the measures taken in implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Canada began its present three-year term on the 27-member Council in 1965. Canada has served three previous terms on the Council, the most recent being from 1956-1958.

(Biography Attached)

The Honourable René Tremblay, P.C., M.P.

The Honourable René Tremblay was born on November 12, 1922 at Luceville, Quebec, and was educated at Luceville School, Rimouski Seminary, and Laval University, from which he received a M. Soc. Sc. in Economics in 1947. He obtained a Licentiate in Economic Science from Louvain University, Belgium, and did research work at Cambridge University.

Mr. Tremblay was a member of the Faculty of Social Sciences of Laval University from 1950 to 1959, serving as Secretary of the Faculty from 1956 to 1959. In 1960 he was appointed Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of the Province of Quebec.

Mr. Tremblay was first elected to the House of Commons for the riding of Matapédia -- Matane in 1963, and was re-elected in 1965. He was appointed to the Privy Council in April 1963, and served as Minister without Portfolio from April, 1963 to February, 1964, as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration from February, 1964 to February 1965 and as Postmaster-General from February, 1965 to December, 1965.

Mr. Tremblay is married and has four children.