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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND
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VIENNA, AUGUST 20 TO 31, 1979

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Flora MacDonald, is pleased to announce Canada's participation in UNCSTED. This important international conference will be held in Vienna from August 20 to 31. Over one hundred countries have been contributing to its preparation for more than two years, and will be sending representatives.

The Canadian delegation will be headed by the Honourable Martial Asselin, Minister of State for the Canadian International Development Agency. The Deputy Head of the delegation will be Mr. James G. Harris, Director General, Bureau of Development, Industry and Science Relations, Department of External Affairs. The delegation will also include, as alternate representatives, Mr. Louis Berlinguet, Senior Vice-President, International Development Research Centre; Mr. James Mullin, Director General, International Division, Ministry of State for Science and Technology; and Mr. H. David Peel, Director, Industry, Investment and Competition Policy Division, Department of External Affairs.

Two representatives of Parliament, Arnold Malone, M.P. for Crowfoot and Robert Jarvis, M.P. for Willowdale, will join the delegation. Representatives of the provinces, universities, scientific and technical associations, labour organizations, business and governmental as well as non-governmental organizations, will act as advisers.

The overall objective of the Conference is to propose a set of practical measures for promoting maximum use of scientific and technical resources for development purposes, particularly in order to meet the needs of the developing countries.

The Conference agenda will be centred around the following themes:

- a) the role of science and technology in development, and the elimination of obstacles to their optimum utilization, particularly in the developing countries;
- b) institutional arrangements and new forms of international co-operation that might promote better application of science and technology;
- c) ways and means of improving the use of the United Nations system;
- d) science, technology and the future.