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COMPOSITION OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO
THE UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR ON
NATIONAL MACHINERY TO ACCELERATE THE
INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND TO
ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION ON GROUNDS OF SEX

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Communique

The Department of External Affairs announces the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations Seminar on the integration of women in development. The full title of the Seminar is "Interregional Seminar on National Machinery to Accelerate the Integration of Women in Development and to Eliminate Discrimination on Grounds of Sex". This seminar, sponsored by the United Nations and hosted by Canada, will take place in Ottawa from September 4 to 17, 1974, and will bring together experts from thirty-two countries. The Seminar will be held at the Conference Centre of the Department of External Affairs in the Lester B. Pearson Building.

The Seminar will provide a forum where models of government "machinery" designed to promote equality between men and women will be formulated. It is hoped that discussions and exchanges of information about such "machinery" as Status of Women Councils, or Human Rights Commissions will be useful for adaptation or adoption in many different countries.

The members of the Canadian Delegation are:

Mrs. Rita Cadieux, Secretary of State Department and Canada's representative on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, will be Chairman of the Delegation;

Mrs. Martha Hynna, Co-ordinator, Status of Women, Privy Council Office, will be Vice-Chairman of the Delegation;

Mrs. Florence Bird, Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, appointed by the Government in 1967 to inquire into and report upon the Status of Women in Canada. That report was published in 1970;

Dr. Katie Cooke, Chairman of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women;

Dr. Elizabeth Feniak, Chairperson of the Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women;

Miss Sylva Gelber, Director, Women's Bureau, Canada Department of Labour, Formerly Canada's representative on the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women;

Mrs. Margaret Harris, Chairman, Saskatchewan Advisory Council on the Status of Women;

Miss Thelma Nicholson, U.N. Economic and Social Affairs Division, Department of External Affairs;

Mrs. Laurette Robillard, Chairman of the Quebec Council on the Status of Women;

Mrs. Laura Sabia, Chairman of the Ontario Status of Women Council.

In addition, the United Nations has asked Canada to designate one of three resource consultants to the working groups during the Seminar. Mrs. Freda Paltiel will act in this capacity. She was previously Co-ordinator, Status of Women in the Privy Council Office; currently, Special Advisor, Social and Welfare Status of Women, Department of National Health and Welfare.