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CANADIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE
UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA
MARCH 14-25, 1977

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today the composition of the official Canadian representation at the United Nations Water Conference which is taking place in Mar del Plata, Argentina, from March 14 to 25, 1977.

The United Nations General Assembly in 1975 decided to convene a water conference to consider how best to manage the global fixed stock of water in order to avoid a potential water crisis within the next few years. The Conference will consider the problem of supply, the available technology and the various management techniques and policies which might be adopted.

The Canadian Delegation will be led by the Honourable Raymond Perrault, P.C., Government Leader in the Senate. Senator Perrault was born in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1926. He was a member of the British Columbia legislature from 1960 to 1968, and was elected to the House of Commons in 1968. He was summoned to the Senate in 1973 and became Government Leader in 1974. Senator Perrault has participated in a number of international conferences including the United Nations General Assembly in 1969, the International Labour Organization Conference in Geneva in 1972 and the Habitat Conference on Human Settlements, which was held in Vancouver in 1976.

The Honourable Sydney Green, Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Affairs in the Province of Manitoba, and Chairman of the Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers, will act as Deputy Head of Delegation.

The other members of the Delegation will be:

Mr. A.P. Bissonnet
Ambassador of Canada to the
Argentine Republic

The Honourable Neil Byers
Minister of the Environment
Province of Saskatchewan

The Honourable Gilbert Clements
Minister of the Environment
Province of Prince Edward Island

The Honourable Fernand Dubé
Minister of the Environment
Province of New Brunswick

The Honourable George Kerr
Minister of the Environment
Province of Ontario

The Honourable Marcel Léger
Minister of the Environment
Province of Quebec

Mr. J. Robert Gauthier, M.P.
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Minister of State for Urban Affairs

Mr. J. Blair Seaborn
Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries and the Environment, Ottawa

Mr. B. Barnes
Deputy Minister of the Environment
Province of New Brunswick

Mr. G. Mitchell
Deputy Minister of the Environment
Province of Saskatchewan

Mr. R. Bailey
Assistant Deputy Minister
of the Environment
Province of Alberta

Mr. Cyril Downey
Assistant Deputy Minister for
Consumer Affairs and the Environment
Province of Newfoundland

Mr. K. Sharpe
Assistant Deputy Minister
Department of the Environment
Province of Ontario

Mr. Geoffrey Simmons
Assistant Deputy Minister of the Environment
Province of British Columbia

Mr. J.P. Bruce
Director General
Inland Waters
Department of Fisheries and the Environment
Ottawa

Mr. M. Hendler
Director General for Water
Department of Natural Resources
Province of Quebec

Mr. D. Jeans
Director of the Environment
Department of Consumer Affairs and the Environment
Province of Newfoundland

Mr. Richard Belliveau
Department of External Affairs
Ottawa

Mr. J.R. Hickman
Environment and Health Directorate
Department of Health and Welfare
Ottawa

Mr. K.V. Lathem
President of the Canadian Water Resources Association
Toronto

Dr. C.V. Mackay
Director
Lethbridge Research Station
Agriculture Canada

Mr. Howard Smith
Financial Institutions Branch
Canadian International Development Agency
Ottawa

Mr. C.V. Svoboda
Department of External Affairs
Ottawa

Professor Hugh R. Whiteley
University of Guelph
representing the Canadian Council
for International Cooperation

Mr. Stanley Vass
Environmental Policy Advisor
Province of Prince Edward Island

Accompanying the Delegation, as part of the official Canadian representation, will be the following senior officials and specialists in water resources and water management.

Mr. Grant Mills
Director, Water Resources Branch
Department of the Environment
Province of Ontario

Mr. Yves Pagé
Department of the Environment
Province of Quebec

Mr. Robert Player
Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Ottawa

Mr. Pierre Roy
Department of Intergovernmental Affairs
Province of Quebec