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UNESCO - CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICIES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today the composition of the Canadian delegation to the second world Conference on Cultural Policies (MONDIACULT) convened by UNESCO in Mexico City for the period July 26 to August 6.

The Honourable Gérard Pelletier, P.C., Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, will head the Canadian delegation which includes high level representatives from Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Alberta. The Quebec Minister of Cultural Affairs, Mr. Clément Richard, will be a ministerial delegate along with Mr. James J. Wah-Shee, Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, Government of The Northwest Territories. Mr. John Bosley, M.P. for Don Valley West, Toronto, will be parliamentary delegate.

Also serving on the delegation are representatives of the Canadian Conference of the Arts, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, private cultural bodies and federal and provincial officials responsible for cultural affairs.

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The first world Conference on Cultural Policies was held in Venice in 1970. Since then UNESCO has organized five meetings at the level of each region on various institutional and administrative aspects of cultural policies. Culture has acquired a higher profile in international relations and the main concerns of MONDIACULT will be to review the basic problems of culture in today's world, to take stock of the latest ideas and thoughts on the prospects for future cultural intercourse among nations, to examine the cultural dimension of development and, in the final analysis, to seek ways to promote the mutual strengthening of cultural identity and interchange. The preservation and development of the cultural heritage will be a special topic.

Canada, given its cultural diversity, the cultural and social policies which it has put into place its support for the North-South dialogue and its advanced role in key sectors such as communications, is in a position and anxious to make a positive contribution to the work of the Conference. The various levels of government in Canada have expressed special interest in the topic of cultural heritage.

The Canadian position on the agenda of the Conference was evolved with the participation of the federal agencies and departments concerned together with the provinces and the Yukon and Northwest Territories and discussed at the annual federal-provincial conference of Ministers of Culture of which the Honourable Francis Fox, federal Minister of Communications, was co-chairman. Non-governmental organizations and private bodies were consulted through the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. The composition of the Canadian delegation duly reflects the wide interest with which the Mexico Conference is viewed throughout Canada.

COMPOSITION OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION

President

The Honourable Gérard Pelletier, P.C., Ambassador
and Permanent Representative to the United
Nations in New York

Ministerial Delegates

Mr. Clément Richard, Minister of Cultural Affairs,
Quebec

Mr. James J. Wah-Shee, Minister of Aboriginal Rights
and Constitutional Development, Northwest
Territories

Parliamentary Delegate

Mr. John Bosley, M.P. for Don Valley West, Toronto

Delegates

Mr. Jacques Dupuis, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Department of External Affairs

Mr. Léo A. Dorais, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Department of Communications

Mr. Pierre Trottier, Ambassador of Canada to UNESCO

Mr. Gilles Lefebvre, Assistant Under-Secretary,
Department of External Affairs

Mr. Normand Martin, Deputy Minister, Department of
Youth, Recreation and Cultural Resources,
New Brunswick

Mr. J. Dough McCullough, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Citizenship and Culture, Ontario

Dr. W.J. Byrne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Historical
Resources Division, Alberta

Alternates

Mrs. Nicole Martin, Deputy Minister, Department of
Cultural Affairs, Quebec

Mr. Claude Lussier, Secretary general, Canadian Commission
for UNESCO

Mr. Gaston Périard, Director, Multilateral Relations
and Sports Division, Department of External
Affairs

Mr. Sinclair, Canadian Conference of the Arts

Mr. Walter Pitman, Executive Director, Ontario Arts
Council

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