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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO FAO CONFERENCE IN ROME, NOVEMBER 2

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE COMPOSITION OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH WILL OPEN IN ROME ON NOVEMBER 2, 1957. THE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY THE HON. DOUGLAS S. HARKNESS, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. DR. J. F. BOOTH, HEAD OF ECONOMICS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WILL BE THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE. MR. HARKNESS AND DR. BOOTH WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE FOLLOWING ADVISERS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS:

DELEGATE:

THE HONOURABLE DOUGLAS S. HARKNESS,
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

ALTERNATE:

DR. J. F. BOOTH,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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MR. FRANK SHEFRIN,
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DR. H. H. HANNAM,
PRESIDENT,
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE.

SECRETARY:
MR GRAHAM IRELAND,
CANADIAN EMBASSY, ROME.

THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION WAS CREATED IN 1945 TO ASSIST COUNTRIES IN RAISING THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING BY INCREASING THE PRODUCTION AND IMPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES PRODUCTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 74 MEMBER COUNTRIES, WILL CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, THE WORLD FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SITUATION; REPORTS OF FAO COMMITTEES ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS; PROPOSALS FOR RAISING THE FERTILITY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION BY REFORESTATION AND SOIL IMPROVEMENT; PROBLEMS OF RAISING PRODUCTIVITY IN AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES; MEASURES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MARKETING; NUTRITION AND FOOD POLICIES, INCLUDING EDUCATION AND HOME ECONOMICS; AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREST RESEARCH CENTRE IN VENEZUELA FOR LATIN AMERICA.