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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced that Mr. S. F. Rae, Canadian Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the European Office of the United Nations, will lead the Canadian Delegation to the 39th Session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which will meet in Geneva from June 30 to July 31, 1965. The alternate delegates will be Mr. Marvin Gelber, M.P. for York South, and Mr. Jean Côté, Counsellor at the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner, London. The delegation will also include advisers from the Department of External Affairs and the Department of Finance.

The Economic and Social Council is responsible for directing the activities of the United Nations and its affiliated agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields. At the forthcoming session, the Council's major meeting this year, it will examine reports from the Specialized Agencies, from its own Functional Commissions and from the major aid programmes of the United Nations, including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. Major new items before the Council will include the work of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and a report on the newly established United Nations Institute for Training

and Research (UNITAR). Also before the Council will be reports on the first half of the United Nations Development Decade, world economic trends and the financing of economic development.

Canada was elected recently by the United Nations General Assembly to a fourth three-year term on the 18-member Council. Canada last served on the Council from 1956 to 1958.