



PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA - CANADA

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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR. LUCIEN CARDIN, M.P., PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN NAMED CANADIAN DELEGATE TO THE 22ND SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS (ECOSOC) TO BE HELD IN GENEVA FROM JULY 9 TO AUGUST 10. CANADA WAS ELECTED AT THE 20TH SESSION FOR A THIRD THREE-YEAR TERM, FROM 1956-1958, TO THE 18-MEMBER COUNTRY COUNCIL OF ECOSOC.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE FIVE ALTERNATES; DR. R.A. MACKAY, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK; MR. HECTOR ALLARD, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA; MR. A.J. MACEACHEN, M.P.; DR. G.F. DAVIDSON, DEPUTY MINISTER OF WELFARE; MR. A.F.W. PLUMPTRE, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE. PRINCIPAL ADVISOR IS MR. A.A. DAY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

THIS IS THE MAIN MEETING OF ECOSOC TO BE HELD THIS YEAR AND FOLLOWS THE 21ST SESSION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK FROM APRIL 17 TO MAY 4.

THE COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS. TO THIS END IT EXAMINES THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF ITS EIGHT FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND OF OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES, SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF), AS WELL AS THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. CANADA HAS JOINED ALL TEN OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND IS AT PRESENT AN ELECTED MEMBER OF FOUR OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS, THE POPULATION COMMISSION, THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, THE COMMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL

COMMODITY TRADE, AND IS ALSO ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNICEF. WHILE NOT A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FROM 1952 TO 1955, CANADA WAS REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS AT COUNCIL MEETING AND COMPLETED A SECOND TERM ON THE SOCIAL COMMISSION AT THE END OF 1953.

THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 22ND SESSION OF THE COUNCIL INCLUDES A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND CO-ORDINATION OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AS A WHOLE. A SIMILAR REVIEW WAS MADE AT THE MAIN COUNCIL MEETING IN 1955.

ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, THE MAJOR ITEMS INCLUDE THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE FINANCING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PROBLEMS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD RESERVE, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE MAIN SOCIAL SUBJECTS BEFORE THE COUNCIL WILL BE AN EXAMINATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF CONCERTED PRACTICAL ACTION IN THE SOCIAL FIELD OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOME ITEMS OF THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA WILL NOT BE TAKEN UP UNTIL THE RESUMED 22ND SESSION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE DURING OR SHORTLY AFTER THE ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL.