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LOME, TOGO, JANUARY 17-24, 1971

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that Canada will participate in the Conference of Ministers for the Public Service of French-speaking Countries belonging to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, which will take place at Lome, Republic of Togo, January 17-24. The decision to have this conference was made in June 1970 by the Agency's Council of Administration; it was called by the Agency's Secretary General Mr. Jean-Marc Léger. The Government of the Republic of Togo agreed to be host.

This will be the first conference of ministers for the Public Service of member countries of the Agency. One of the most important points on the agenda will be the examination of a proposal for an international school for training in management techniques, with particular emphasis on developing countries. This school will be the most important project on the Agency's program for 1971.

If the project appears feasible, this institution, which will have an international staff, may begin operation in September 1971 to provide advanced training in modern management techniques for senior members of the Public Service of member countries of the Agency.

The Chairman of the Canadian delegation will be the Honourable Gérard Pelletier, Secretary of State for Canada and will include representatives of the governments of Quebec, New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba. A list of its members is attached.

CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Lome, Togo, January 17 to 24, 1971

Canadian Delegation

Mr. Gérard Pelletier, Secretary of State of Canada,
President of the Delegation.

Quebec:

Mr. Jean-Paul L'Allier, Minister of Communications
and Minister of the Public Service of Quebec.

New Brunswick:

Mr. Armand Saintonge, Deputy Minister of Education of
New Brunswick.

Ontario:

Mr. Mark Larratt-Smith, Office of the Premier of
Ontario.

Manitoba:

Mr. Sidney Green, Minister of Mines and Natural
Resources and Commissioner of Northern Affairs
of Manitoba.

Counsellors:

Mr. Léopold Amyot, Co-ordination Division, Department
of External Affairs, Canada.

Mr. Roch Bolduc, Deputy Minister, Department of the
Public Service of Quebec.

Mr. Michel Chalout, Counsellor, Division of Inter-
national Relations, Department of Intergovernmental
Affairs of Quebec.

Mr. Guy R. d'Avignon, Director of Planning Service,
Public Service Commission of Canada.

Mr. Michel de Goumois, Counsellor, Canadian Embassy,
Dakar.

Mr. Jean-Marie Dery, Division for Relations Among
French-speaking Countries, Department of External
Affairs, Canada.

Mr. Pierre Emond, Director of the Office of the Secretary
of State of Canada.

Mr. Charles A. Lussier, Commissioner, Public Service
Commission of Canada.

Mr. Jacques Noel, Department of the Public Service of
Quebec.

Mr. Roland Parenteau, Director of the National School
of Administration of Quebec.

Mr. Maxwell F. Yalden, Assistant Under-Secretary of
State of Canada.