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Statement by the Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies

Australia has accepted a Canadian Government invitation to participate in an international exhibition to be held in Montreal from 28th April to 27th October, 1967. The exhibition will be a most important element in the celebration of the Centennial of Canadian Confederation. This is a cultural exhibition designed to portray the accomplishments of mankind and takes as its theme "Man and His World". It is being organised under the rules of the International Bureau of Exhibitions and is being sponsored jointly by the Canadian Government, the Province of Quebec, and the City of Montreal.

Sir Robert said that the Australian Government was putting in hand studies to produce detailed plans for an Australian pavilion to be located on Ile Notre Dame which forms part of an imaginative development of the exhibition site on the St. Lawrence River. In developing plans for the Australian pavilion, the Government wished to have the benefit of expert opinion from Australian educational, cultural and scientific circles. The Prime Minister said that the theme of the exhibition was one where Australia had much to draw upon not only in physical environment and flora and fauna but in the achievements of Australians in the fields of scholarship, technology, industry, the arts and sport.

The Prime Minister said that so far 55 nations, including Australia, had announced their participation in the exhibition.

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