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The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, today confirmed that the Special Minister of State and Minister Assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Willesee, would lead the Australian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, which begins in New York on Tuesday 18 September.

While in New York from 26 September to 5 October, Senator Willesee will address the Assembly during the General Debate on 3 October 1973. He will call on the Secretary-General, Dr Waldheim, and meet other Ministers and delegation leaders for discussions on matters of mutual interest concerning the United Nations and other aspects of foreign policy.

Mr Whitlam said that the work of the General Assembly is conducted in Plenary Session and in seven main committees, in all of which Australia is involved.

Australia is currently a member of the Security Council which often meets during the General Assembly and it will be

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Australia's turn to be President of the Council for the month of October 1973.

The General Assembly will have before it over 100 items including a number of matters of special interest such as the organisation of a Law of the Sea Conference next year, Korea, and the urgent need for action to end nuclear testing.

The 25th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be celebrated during the Assembly on 10 December and the Assembly will consider a wide range of issues relating to human rights, decolonisation and economic development.

As in the past, two members of Parliament have been included in the delegation. This year the Hon. R.V. Garland (Liberal, Curtin W.A.) and Dr R.E. Klugman (Labor, Prospect, N.S.W.) will attend.

Mr Whitlam said that as was customary two Papua New Guinean advisers would join the delegation later in the Session to assist with agenda items of interest to Papua New Guinea. The two advisers will be members of the House of Assembly and will be assisted by Papua New Guinean officials.

The Australian delegation is as follows:

Representatives

Senator The Honourable Don Willesee,
Special Minister of State and Minister Assisting the
Minister for Foreign Affairs.
Leader of the Delegation.

H.E. Sir Laurence McIntyre, C.B.E.,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

H.E. Mr J. Petherbridge,
Ambassador,
Australian Embassy, Stockholm.

Mr A.D. Campbell,
Minister, Australian Mission to the
United Nations, New York.

Mr J.R. Kelso,
Assistant Secretary,
United Nations & International Agencies Branch,
Department of Foreign Affairs.

Parliamentary Advisers

The Honourable R.V. Garland, M.P.

Dr R.E. Klugman, M.P.

Alternate Representatives

Mr L.L.E. Joseph,
Counsellor,
Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Mr H.C. Mott,
Counsellor,
Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Mr J. Bailey,
Legal and Treaties Branch,
Department of Foreign Affairs.

Mr M. Curtin,
First Secretary,
Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Mr R. Wyndham,
First Secretary,
Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Advisers

Mr J. Campbell,
First Secretary,
Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Miss I. Svenne,
First Secretary,
Australian Embassy, Belgrade.

Mr J.P. McCarthy,
First Secretary,
Australiam Embassy, Washington.

Mr J.A. Tilemann,
Private Secretary to the Special Minister of State and
Minister Assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr G. Urwin,
Second Secretary,
Australian High Commission, Ottawa.

Mr H. Bamsey,
Third Secretary,
Australian High Commission, London.

Dr B. Martin,
Third Secretary,
Australian Consulate-General, San Francisco.

Mr P. Reid,
Third Secretary,
Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Mr R. Harris,
Press Officer,
Director, A.I.S.,
Australian Consulate-General, New York.