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GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO REPORT OF
ROYAL COMMISSION ON CONDITIONS OF FOREIGN SERVICE

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister of State (International Trade), and the Honourable Charles Lapointe, Minister of State (External Relations), announced today the Government's response to the findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission on Conditions of Foreign Service.

The text of the response was tabled in the House of Commons today by the Honourable Charles Lapointe.

The Report of the Commissioner, Miss Pamela A. McDougall, was released on December 15, 1981. The Commissioner had been appointed to "examine into changes in the conditions of foreign service and to report on steps that the Government might take to accommodate them in the context of its approach to the legal, administrative and operational frameworks of the Foreign Service ...".

The three Ministers have emphasized that the measures being taken by the Government constitute clear recognition of the indispensable contribution members of the foreign service and their families make to the pursuit of Canada's economic, social and political goals both domestically and abroad and a firm commitment by the Government to ensure that the foreign service is well equipped to fulfil its responsibilities.

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