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His Excellency Fernando Paz Castillo presented today to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Venezuela to Canada.

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Brooke Claxton, was in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Nelson Hernandez, First Secretary of the Embassy. Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor-General, was also present.

Mr. Paz Castillo, who is fifty-six years of age, has represented his country in Mexico, Great Britain, Brazil, Argentina, France and Spain, and served as Ambassador in Italy and Minister in Belgium. Prior to his appointment to Canada, he was Ambassador to Ecuador.

Mr. Paz Castillo is the first diplomatic Envoy of Venezuela to Canada.