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PATRICK REID TO BE
COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR TRANSPO '86

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, and Senator Ray Perrault announced today the appointment of Patrick Reid as Commissioner General for the 1986 World Exposition on Transportation — TRANSPO '86 — to be held in Vancouver, May 2 through October 13, 1986.

Patrick Reid joined the Department of External Affairs in 1972 and became the Director General of Public Affairs. Since 1978 he has been Minister (Public Affairs) at the High Commission in London. It is anticipated that he will assume his position in Vancouver as Commissioner General for TRANSPO '86 in the next few months.

Patrick Reid has had a long association with world expositions: as Director of the Canadian Government Expositions Centre and as Commissioner General for Canada at six world expositions, among them Milan, Osaka, Spokane and Okinawa. He is, at present, President of the Paris-based International Bureau of Expositions (BIE), the governing body which sanctions world expositions.

TRANSPO '86, an initiative of the Province of British Columbia, is the second world exposition to be accorded to Canada since Expo '67, by the BIE. It has been timed to coincide with the centenary of the City of Vancouver and the arrival on the West Coast of the first transcontinental passenger train.