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HIS EXCELLENCY ARTHUR LOURIE PRESENTED TODAY TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL, THE HONOURABLE PATRICK KERWIN, P.C., CHIEF JUSTICE OF CANADA, HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF ISRAEL TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

MR. JOHN B. WATKINS, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WAS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. GRAHAM MCINNES, PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. MOSHE ERELL, FIRST SECRETARY IN THE EMBASSY OF ISRAEL.

MR. LOURIE WAS BORN IN 1903 IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA. HE STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF CAPETOWN, CAMBRIDGE AND HARVARD AND BECAME A BARRISTER-AT-LAW (INNER TEMPLE). HE THEN PRACTISED LAW IN SOUTH AFRICA AND LECTURED IN ROMAN-DUTCH LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WITWATERSRAND. FROM 1933 ON, HE TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE WORK OF THE JEWISH AGENCY. FROM 1948 TO 1953, MR. LOURIE HELD THE POST OF CONSUL-GENERAL OF ISRAEL IN NEW YORK, AND IN 1952 WAS NAMED DEPUTY-HEAD OF THE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH RANK OF MINISTER. IN 1954, HE WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ISRAEL. MR. LOURIE HAS ALSO BEEN A MEMBER OF VARIOUS ISRAELI DELEGATIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MR. LOURIE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.