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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. GEORGE BERNARD SUMMERS, O.C. AS MINISTER EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF CANADA TO IRAN. MR. SUMMERS IS AT PRESENT HEAD OF THE UNITED NATIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN OTTAWA. HE WILL BE THE FIRST CANADIAN MINISTER TO IRAN AND WILL TAKE UP HIS DUTIES IN TEHRAN EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

IRAN HAS MAINTAINED A LEGATION IN OTTAWA SINCE 1956. THE APPOINTMENT OF A CANADIAN MINISTER IN TEHRAN IS A FURTHER RECOGNITION OF THE TIES AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXIST BETWEEN IRAN AND CANADA AND WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FUTURE.