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APPOINTMENT OF CANADIAN MEMBER TO THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of Professor Edward McWhinney, Q.C., Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. as a Canadian Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. (Set up under the Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes of 1899).

Professor McWhinney replaces Professor Ronald St. John Macdonald, Q.C., Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., who resigned effective January 1, 1985. Professor McWhinney will complete the term of Professor St. John Macdonald that expires on June 29, 1990. The other 3 Canadian members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration are: Mme. Justice Bertha Wilson, Mr. Leonard H. Legault, Q.C. and Mr. Yves Fortier, Q.C.

Members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration hold office for six years and serve without honorarium. They are drawn from four constituencies of the Canadian legal community: the Bench, the academic community, the public service and the practising bar.

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