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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. L. Yves Fortier, O.C., Q.C., as Permanent Representative, Ambassador for Canada at the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Fortier, 52, a senior partner with the Montreal law firm of Ogilvy, Renault, is a graduate of Université de Montréal (B.A.), McGill University (B.C.L.) and Oxford University (B. Litt) which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. Mr. Fortier was called to the Bar of Quebec in 1960. He has served as Counsel to many Royal Commissions including, most recently, the Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals. In recent years, Mr. Fortier has been involved in a number of international commercial arbitrations.

In 1984, he represented Canada before the International Court of Justice in The Hague in the Canada-U.S. Gulf of Maine case. He serves presently as Chief Negotiator for Canada in the Canada-France fishing dispute. Mr. Fortier served as President of the Canadian Bar Association in 1982-83 and, since 1984, has been a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

Mr. Fortier was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1976 and an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1985. He is married to the former Carol Eaton and they have three children.

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