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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF AIR NEGOTIATOR FOR CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Transport Minister Douglas Young today announced the appointment of Duane D. Van Beselaere as Chief Air Negotiator for Canada.

Mr. Van Beselaere has demonstrated outstanding effectiveness and dedication throughout a distinguished diplomatic career. April 1993, he was appointed Associate Chief Air Negotiator for Canada. As Chief Air Negotiator, Mr. Van Beselaere will have responsibility for all of Canada's bilateral air negotiations with other countries.

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Biographical notes for Mr. Van Beselaere are attached.

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