ANDRÉ OUELLET Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs

André Ouellet has been a member of the House of Commons since 1967 and has held several Cabinet positions during his years on Parliament Hill.

Mr. Ouellet has served as Postmaster General, President of the Privy Council, Government House Leader, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Minister of State for Urban Affairs, Minister of Public Works, Minister of Labour and Minister of State for Regional Economic Development.

He has also served as Minister Responsible for various Crown Corporations, including the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Metric Commission and the Standards Council of Canada.

Mr. Ouellet was appointed the Official Critic for Transport in 1985, Official Critic for External Affairs in 1988 and Official Critic for Federal-Provincial Relations in 1990. Between 1990 and 1992, he sat on one royal commission and two parliamentary committees on Canada's constitution: The Belanger/Campeau Commission, as well as the Beaudoin/Edwards and Beaudoin/Dobbie Committees.

He was Chair of the Quebec Liberal Caucus in 1968, Chief Political Organizer of the Federal Liberal Party in Quebec from 1977 to 1984, and Co-Chair of the National Liberal Campaign Committee in 1992.

Mr. Ouellet graduated from the University of Ottawa and the University of Sherbrooke Faculty of Law. He is Member of Parliament for the constituency of Papineau-Saint-Michel, Quebec. Mr. Ouellet and his wife have four children.