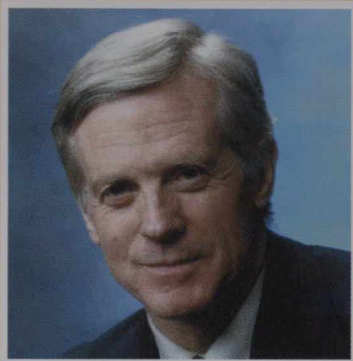


# NEW MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE

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Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific)  
David Kilgour



Secretary of State (Central and Eastern  
Europe and Middle East) Gar Knutson



Secretary of State (Latin America and  
Africa) (Francophonie) Denis Paradis

**T**he major Cabinet shuffle of January 15, 2002, has brought new ministers and secretaries of state to the team directing Canadian foreign policy. International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew keeps his portfolio and Secretary of State David Kilgour assumes new duties within the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Here are the new members of the team.

Bill Graham is the new Minister of Foreign Affairs. An interview with him appears on the opposite page.

Mr. Graham will be assisted in his duties by three secretaries of state, including David Kilgour, who became Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) in June 1997, and who is now Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific). Mr. Kilgour has outlined very specific priorities: "Diversified and dynamic, the Asia-Pacific region is vitally important to Canada. Our trade with this region totalled close to \$74 billion in 2000, more than our trade with Europe. As the new Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), I intend to promote trade, Canadian education services, Canadian values and good governance."

A Member of Parliament since 1993 and Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister from 1998 until his appointment to Cabinet, Gar Knutson is the new Secretary of State (Central and Eastern Europe and Middle East). He describes his approach to his new responsibilities as follows: "My position is new, which reflects the increasing importance of these regions to Canada. I intend to concentrate particularly on the promotion of our economic and trade connections with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and with the countries of the Middle East, especially those of the Persian Gulf. Security issues, including the promotion of peace and stability throughout my regions, will also be among my foremost concerns."

Elected to the House of Commons in 1995, Denis Paradis served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister for International Cooperation and the Minister responsible for La Francophonie. He is now Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) (Francophonie). Mr. Paradis is very enthusiastic: "Given the upcoming G8 Summit's emphasis on Africa, I want to help find innovative solutions to bridge the growing gap between the African continent and the rest of the world. There is an opportunity to expand the political role of La Francophonie; I plan to encourage this organization to play a greater role in the promotion of democracy and good governance within its membership. Finally, our commitment to the Americas

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