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APPOINTMENT OF ANDRÉ S. SIMARD TO THE
POSITION OF OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN AND
DIRECTOR OF THE PRESS OFFICE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mark MacGuigan, today announced the appointment of André S. Simard to the position of Official Spokesman and Director of the Press Office of the Department of External Affairs.

Born in Montreal on August 24, 1940, he took classical studies at the Collège Lionel-Groulx in Ste-Thérèse de Blainville and the Collège Ste-Croix in Montreal. He received his B.A. from the University of Montreal in 1963 and his LL.L. from the University of Montreal in 1966; took post-graduate studies at the Hague Academy of International Law; and was called to the Bar of Quebec in 1968. He entered External Affairs in July 1967 (European Affairs Division, Defence Liaison I Division, and Office of the Under-Secretary); Second Secretary, Tokyo, 1969; Ottawa, March 1971 (Cultural Affairs and Federal-Provincial Co-ordination Divisions); Senior Political Adviser with the International Commission for Supervision and Control (ICSC), Saigon 1972; First Secretary with the International Commission of Control and Supervision (ICCS) in Vietnam, February 1973; Acting Commissioner on the ICSC in Laos, June 1973; First Secretary and Consul, Tunis, August 1974; Ottawa, September 1976 (Transportation, Communications and Energy Division); in August 1977 he was appointed to the position of Deputy Director of the Press Office, and he became Acting Director of the office in 1979.

Mr. Simard is married to Sabine Théodas and has one son.