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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall announces the following diplomatic appointments:

General A. John G.D. de Chastelain, born in Bucharest, Romania, as Ambassador to the United States of America.

General de Chastelain was appointed Chief of the Defense Staff in 1989.

General de Chastelain (BA [History], Royal Military College, Kingston, 1960) began his military career in 1955 when he joined the Canadian Army (Militia) as a piper in the Calgary Highlanders. In 1960, he was commissioned into the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He served as aide-de-camp to the Chief of General Staff at Army Headquarters in Ottawa and was selected to attend Army Staff College in Camberley, England. He served in Cyprus as part of the United Nations Force, where he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff at Headquarters, United Nations Force in Cyprus and Commander of the Canadian Contingent. He has served in various capacities in Canada and abroad including Commander of Canadian Forces Base, Montreal, Commandant of the Royal Military College of Canada and Commander, 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Lahr, Germany. General de Chastelain was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel) at the Department of National Defence in 1986 and, in 1988, was appointed as the Vice-Chief of the Defense Staff. He is married and has two children. He replaces Derek H. Burney.