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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the appointment of Mr. William M. Olivier as Canadian Ambassador to Costa Rica with concurrent accreditation to Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. Mr. Olivier replaces Mr. Jean-Louis Delisle, who was recently appointed Canadian Ambassador to Turkey.

Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, on April 6, 1915, Mr. Olivier studied at St. Francis Xavier and McGill Universities. He joined the Canadian Army in 1940, transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941, and served overseas during the war. Discharged from the RCAF in 1945, Mr. Olivier was called to the Bar of Cuebec in 1948, and in that year joined the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Olivier has served abroad at the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York and in Washington and Madrid. In 1957 he was appointed Canadian Commissioner on the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos.

Mr. Olivier is married and has two children.