

John M. Weekes (B.A. Honours, University of Toronto, 1966) is currently Senior Assistant Deputy Minister (United States) and Co-ordinator for the North American Free Trade Agreement. From 1991 to 1993 he was Canada's Chief Negotiator for the successfully concluded North American free-trade negotiations and served concurrently as Assistant Deputy Minister for Trade Policy. As Ambassador to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) from 1987 to 1991, Mr. Weekes was elected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman of the GATT Council for 1988-89 and subsequently as Chairman of the GATT Contracting Parties in 1989-90. Mr. Weekes worked in trade policy positions from 1979 to 1983 and as Director General for Trade Policy from 1983 to 1987. From 1973 to 1979, Mr. Weekes was a member of Canada's delegation to the Tokyo Round of GATT negotiations. Earlier in his career Mr. Weekes was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Belgrade and later was a member of the Canadian delegation to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). Mr. Weekes and his wife Arlene have two children. He succeeds Gerald E. Shannon.