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APPOINTMENT OF CANADIAN AGENT IN THE CANADA-FRANCE MARITIME BOUNDARY CASE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark and the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Honourable Doug Lewis announced today the appointment of Mr. François A. Mathys as Canadian Agent in the arbitration between Canada and France which will delimit the maritime boundary off the south coasts of Newfoundland and Saint-Pierre- and-Miquelon. Mr. Mathys is Director General of the Bureau of Legal Affairs, Department of External Affairs.

The boundary case will be heard by an ad hoc Court of Arbitration established by Canada and France on March 30, 1989. It consists of three foreign judges including the President Mr. Eduardo Jimenez de Arechaga, a former President of the International Court of Justice, Professor Oscar Schachter of Columbia University in New York and Professor Gaetano Arangio-Ruiz of the University of Rome. The Canadian judge is Allan Gotlieb, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States and the French judge is Professor Prosper Weil of the Université de droit, d'économie et de sciences sociales de Paris.

The Court's decision is expected to be delivered about the end of 1991.

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