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## APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF AIR NEGOTIATOR

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, and the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, announced today the appointment of Gary R. Harman as Chief Air Negotiator, in replacement of R. Harry Jay who has retired. Mr. Harman will be responsible for the conduct of bilateral air negotiations and will draw on Transport Canada, the Department of External Affairs and the Canadian Transport Commission in setting up negotiating teams.

The Chief Air Negotiator reports to the Interdepartmental Committee on Civil Aviation chaired by Transport Canada, which includes members from the Canadian Transport Commission, the Department of External Affairs as well as other government departments. The Committee is responsible for co-ordinating domestic and international civil aviation matters and making recommendations as appropriate to the Minister of Transport and the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Born in Winnipeg in 1929, Mr. Harman studied at the University of Manitoba (B.A.(Hon.) 1951). After serving with the Department of Trade and Commerce, he joined External Affairs in 1953. In addition to assignments in Ottawa, Mr. Harman has served in New York, Prague, Washington, Moscow and Cairo. He was External Affairs' Director General of Personnel from 1975 to 1977 and has been Ambassador to Cuba since that time. Mr. Harman is married and has three children.