



# Biographies

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## THE HONOURABLE FLORA MACDONALD

Secretary of State for External Affairs

Flora MacDonald was born in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, in June 1926. She attended local schools in North Sydney and Empire Business College. In 1972 she became the first woman to graduate in Canadian and International Studies from the National Defence College.

From 1957 to 1966 Flora MacDonald served with the Progressive Conservative National Headquarters, for the last five years as executive director. From 1966 to 1969 she was national secretary of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada. She was administrative officer and tutor in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University from 1966 to 1972.

Flora MacDonald was elected to the House of Commons in the general election of October 1972, and was subsequently re-elected in July 1974 and May 1979. During her various terms in the House of Commons she was particularly concerned with issues that dealt with Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Housing and Urban Affairs and Federal-Provincial Relations.

She has been an active member of many organizations. She was president of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston, executive director of the Committee for an Independent Canada and director of the Canadian Political Science Association. Flora MacDonald is a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

Publications to her credit include "Electoral Reform", a paper presented to the Parliamentary Committee on Election Expenses, "Political Participation of Women in Canada", written for the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, and "Participatory Democracy: Who is In? Who is Out?", prepared for the National Defence College.

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