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HIS EXCELLENCY MONGI SLIM PRESENTED TODAY TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL, THE HONOURABLE PATRICK KERWIN, P.C., CHIEF JUSTICE OF CANADA, HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF TUNISIA TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. MUSTAPHA ABDESSELAM, LEGAL ADVISER IN THE TUNISIAN FOREIGN SERVICE.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. JULES LEGER, WAS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. GRAHAM MCINNES, PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

MR. SLIM WAS BORN IN TUNIS IN 1908. HE COMPLETED HIS STUDIES IN LAW IN PARIS AND WAS CALLED TO THE BAR OF TUNISIA IN 1936. MR. SLIM BECAME A MEMBER OF THE NEO-DESTOUR PARTY BEFORE THE WAR AND TOOK A PROMINENT PART IN THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY HIS COUNTRY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST BEN AMMAR GOVERNMENT AND WAS A LEADER OF THE TUNISIAN DELEGATION AT THE FRANCO-TUNISIAN TALKS WHICH LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRANCO-TUNISIAN CONVENTIONS OF JUNE 3, 1955. HE WAS LATER APPOINTED MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR IN THE SECOND BEN AMMAR GOVERNMENT. SINCE 1956 MR. SLIM HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COUNTRY TO THE UNITED NATIONS. HE HAS RECENTLY SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUNGARY.

MR. SLIM WILL CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN WASHINGTON.