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APPOINTMENT OF CANADA'S CHIEF AIR NEGOTIATOR AND ASSOCIATE CHIEF AIR NEGOTIATOR

The Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Jean Corbeil, Minister of Transport, are pleased to announce the appointment of J.G. Harris as Canada's Chief Air Negotiator, effective July 11, 1991.

Mr. Harris has demonstrated outstanding effectiveness and dedication throughout a most distinguished diplomatic career. He was appointed Special Negotiator for the comprehensive Canada-U.S. bilateral air negotiations in October, 1990. As Chief Air Negotiator, Mr. Harris will have responsibility for all of Canada's bilateral air negotiations but will continue to focus on air negotiations with the U.S.; the third round of these negotiations was held in Regina, July 23-25, 1991.

To assist Mr. Harris with other bilateral negotiations, Armand Blum, a senior officer of External Affairs and International Trade Canada with an extensive background in bilateral and multilateral affairs, was appointed Associate Chief Air Negotiator.

Biographical notes for Messrs. Harris and Blum are attached.

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