

## JOHN M. WEEKES

### Ambassador of Canada to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)

Mr. Weekes was born in Toronto, Canada, on July 22, 1943. He received a B.A. (Honours) in Political Science and Economics from the University of Toronto in 1966 and joined External Affairs Canada the same year. He served in the Canadian Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 1968 to 1971 with concurrent accreditation in Romania and Bulgaria. He served in the Commercial Policy Division from 1971 to 1973; from 1973 to 1979 he was Counsellor, Delegation to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations in Geneva; in 1974 he was also Advisor to the Canadian Delegation to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). In Ottawa he served as a Divisional Director in the trade policy field from 1979 to 1983 when he became Director General of Trade Policy.

Mr. Weekes assumed his responsibilities as Ambassador to the GATT in September 1987. He was elected as Chairman of the GATT Council for the year 1988-89 and as Chairman of the GATT Contracting Parties for 1989-90. He was also Chairman of the Uruguay Round Negotiating Group dealing with GATT Articles.

Mr. Weekes has been active as a volunteer in the field of alpine skiing in the Ottawa area. He occupied several positions and in 1986-87 served as Chairman of the Alpine Committee of the National Capital Division of the Canadian Ski Association.

Mr. Weekes is married to Arlene Weekes (Harris) and has two children.