

that the Secretary-General has chosen a Canadian woman to be in charge of UNEP, which is, without a doubt, one of the UN's most important programs," said Mrs. McDougall.

Once the nomination is confirmed by the General Assembly, Ms. Dowdeswell will succeed Dr. Mostafa Tolba of Egypt early in the new year. Dr. Tolba has held the position since 1976, when he replaced a Canadian, Mr. Maurice Strong, who had been appointed in 1972 as the first UNEP Executive Director.

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