

Mr. Allan Norman Lever, born in Port Colborne (Ontario), as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with concurrent accreditation to the Yemen Arab republic and to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

Mr. Lever was educated at schools in Port Colborne and Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto. He joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1972. He worked as Executive Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Minister, (Administration) from 1972 to 1973; as Project Manager, Office of Export Programs & Services from 1973 to 1975; as Senior Project Manager, Office of Export Programs & Services from 1975 to 1976; and as Senior Departmental Assistant to the Minister from 1976 to 1977. He was Executive Assistant, Secretary of State for External Affairs from 1977 to 1979; and Director, Interchange Canada and International Programs, Public Service Commission from 1979 to 1983. He has served abroad in London as Minister-Counsellor (Public Affairs) from 1983 to 1985. He has been Director, Western Europe Trade Investment and Technology Division since 1985. He is married to the former Nora Starr Hazlewood and they have three sons and one daughter. Mr. Lever replaces Mr. G.D. Valentine.

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Mr. Robert M. Middleton, of Vernon (BC), and Ottawa (Ontario), as Ambassador to the Republic of Cuba.

Mr. Middleton [B.A. (Honours), University of British Columbia, 1953] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1955. He has served abroad in Jakarta from 1957 to 1959 and Rio de Janeiro from 1962 to 1964. He served as Counsellor in Washington from 1967 to 1971, where his responsibilities included Canada's relations with the Organization of American States and the Interamerican Development Bank. He was High Commissioner to the Republic of Ghana from 1976 to 1979, with dual accreditation to Togo, Benin and Liberia, and in 1979 was appointed Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa with accreditation to Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. He returned to Ottawa in 1982 as Director of the United Nations Division, and has been Director General, Africa Bureau since 1986. Mr. Middleton replaces Mr. M.F. Kergin.

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