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His Excellency Dr. Vasco Vieira Garin presented today to His Excellency the Governor General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Portugal to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at Government House.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jules Léger, was in attendance on the Governor General on this occasion. The Acting Chief of Protocol, Mr. Ph. Thibault, presented the Ambassador to the Governor General. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. G.C. Caldeira Coelho, Counsellor, and Mr. S.S. Garrido, First Secretary of his Embassy. Mr. Lionel Massey and Mr. J.F. Delaute, respectively Secretary and Administrative Secretary to the Governor General, were also present.

Dr. Vieira Garin, who was born in 1907, is a Bachelor in Economic Sciences of the University of Lisbon. He is a career diplomat, having entered the diplomatic service in 1931. He has served at the Portuguese missions in London and in Washington and was later appointed Head of the Political Division of the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He became Consul General in Montreal in 1947 and in the following year was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to India, Thailand and Ceylon. Dr. Vieira Garin has also represented his country on several delegations to international conferences.

He is married.

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