

Deputy Secretary-General

Louise Fréchette



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Born in Montréal on July 16, 1946, Louise Fréchette was appointed to the post of Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations at the end of February 1998, following the adoption by the General Assembly of the program of reforms proposed by Mr. Annan. Ms. Fréchette has had a long career in diplomacy, having held several important positions in Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, which she joined in 1971.

Among her many positions, she served as Canada's Ambassador to Argentina and Uruguay, Assistant Deputy Minister for Latin America and the Caribbean, and Assistant Deputy Minister for Economic Policy and Trade Competitiveness. In 1994, Ms. Fréchette was Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York before

being appointed in June 1995 as Canada's Deputy Minister of National Defence. She graduated from the Université de Montréal with a degree in history, and from the College of Europe in Bruges with a diploma in economic studies.

For complete biographies of Mr. Annan and Ms. Fréchette, visit the United Nations Web site at www.un.org.