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APPOINTMENT OF JEAN CHARPENTIER AS OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN AND DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of Mr. Jean Charpentier as Official Spokesman and Director of Media Relations of the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Charpentier succeeds Mr. F.M. Filleul who was recently appointed Ambassador to Costa Rica.

A career journalist and for many years a foreign correspondent, Mr. Charpentier was Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, from 1976 to 1979. Subsequently, he was assigned to various federal departments as senior policy advisor for Treasury Board.

In his new assignment, Mr. Charpentier will reorganize the Media Relations Office which, within the Department of External Affairs, has to serve the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Ministers of State for International Trade and for External Relations.