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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Claude Charland as Ambassador to France.

Mr. Claude Charland is a career foreign service officer with 30 years of experience in the former Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Trade Commissioner Service), and the Department of External Affairs. He is currently Canadian Ambassador to Italy with concurrent accreditation to Malta, and since 1986, to Libya.

Mr. Charland, who was born in Québec City, was educated in Montréal at Loyola College and McGill University. He joined the foreign service in 1957 and, in addition to two previous assignments in Paris, has served in New Orleans, Lagos, Sao Paulo and Brussels. From 1979-82, Mr. Charland was Ambassador to Mexico with accreditation to Guatemala. From 1982 to 1985, he was Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Development, and then Assistant Deputy Minister, Latin America and the Caribbean, at the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

Mr. Charland is married to the former Marguerite Panet-Raymond and they have two sons and one daughter. He will take up his appointment in Paris in September.

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