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## New Secretary of State for External Affairs named in Cabinet shuffle

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau announced a Cabinet restructuring involving five ministers on September 10.

The reorganization was the first phase of a two-part rebuilding of the Cabinet with more appointments expected to be made later this fall.

As a result of the changes to Cabinet, former Minister of Finance Allan MacEachen became Secretary of State for External Affairs and the previous Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan was appointed to the post of Minister of Justice. Former Minister of Justice Jean Chrétien moved to the energy portfolio and Marc Lalonde who was Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources became the new Minister of Finance. In addition, Minister of State Jack Austin was named Minister of State for Social Development.

### New external affairs minister

Mr. MacEachen took up the external affairs post after serving as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance since the 1980 general election. From 1974 to 1976 Mr. MacEachen had also served as Secretary of State for External Affairs and during his term he was co-chairman of the 17-nation Conference on International Economic Co-operation.

The new Secretary of State for External Affairs was first elected to the House of Commons in 1953 for the riding of Inverness-Richmond, Nova Scotia. He was re-elected in 1957, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1972, 1974, 1979 and 1980.

In 1953, Mr. MacEachen attended the United Nations General Assembly as a parliamentary observer. The following year, he was alternate delegate to the Economic and Social Council of the UN in Geneva. From 1958 to 1962 he served as special assistant for economic affairs under then leader of the opposition Lester B. Pearson.

Mr. MacEachen was named Minister of Labour in 1963 and then was appointed to the National Health and



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Welfare portfolio in 1965.

From 1967 to 1968, he was government house leader and chairman of the committee on the reform of parliamentary procedure. This was followed by his appointment as Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

In 1970, Mr. MacEachen was named president of the Privy Council and leader of the government in the House of Commons. Following his term as Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. MacEachen was appointed president of the Privy Council and leader of the government in the House of Commons for a second term. He was named Deputy Prime Minister of Canada in 1977 and deputy leader of the opposition and opposition house leader in June 1979.

The new Secretary of State for External Affairs is a member of the corporation visiting committee of the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



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