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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the honourable Mark MacGuigan, announces the following appointments:

Michel Dupuy, 51, of Montreal, to be Ambassador to France. Mr. Dupuy (B.A., College Stanislas, Montreal; B.A. Philosophy, Political Science and Economics, Balliol College, Oxford; Institute of Political Studies, University of Paris - Doctorate in International Law) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1955. He served abroad in Washington, Brussels and Paris. In 1977 he was appointed President of the Canadian International Development Agency, a position he held until his appointment in 1980 as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. He will replace the Honourable Gérard Pelletier.

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The Honourable Gérard Pelletier, 61, originally from Victoriaville, Quebec, to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Pelletier (Nicolet Seminary, Mont-Laurier College and University of Montreal) worked as a reporter for the Montreal daily "Le Devoir", where he specialized in social problems. In 1950 he left "Le Devoir" to become Director of the Confederation of National Trade Unions' official newspaper, "Le Travail". He became editor of "La Presse" in June, 1961, and retained this position until March 30, 1965. He was elected to Parliament in the constituency of Hochelaga in 1965. He became Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1967 and represented the Canadian Government as a delegate to the 22nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly. In April, 1968, he was appointed Minister without Portfolio with special responsibilities for the Secretary of State Department. After his re-election in June of that year, he became Secretary of State. In 1972, he became Minister of Communications and in 1975 was appointed Ambassador to France, a position he held until the present. He replaces Michel Dupuy.