Wilfrid-Guy Licari (B.A., Mathematics and Philosophy, Stanislas College, Montreal, 1963; B.A., University of Montreal, 1965; Certificate of General Literary Studies, Université de Paris, 1966; Graduate Studies, Economic and Commercial Sciences, Paris, 1968), born in Tunis, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1968. He served abroad in Nairobi, Algiers, Paris, Rome and from 1987 to 1991 was Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. In Ottawa, he worked in the Office of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the European Division and Personnel Bureau and, from 1981 to 1984 held the position of Director of Francophone Africa and Maghreb. Since 1991, he has been Director General, Africa and Middle East Bureau. He is married to Françoise Licari and they have two children. Mr. Licari succeeds Jacques Bilodeau who is returning to Canada.

Manfred G. von Nostitz (B.A., Honours [History], University of Toronto, 1963; M.A. [Political Science], 1965), born in Paris, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. He served abroad in Saigon, Hanoi, Vienna, Munich, Bangkok and Washington. In 1984, Mr. von Nostitz was appointed High Commissioner to Malaysia and in 1988, Ambassador to Pakistan. In Ottawa, he held the positions of Director, South and Southeast Asia Division; Director, United States General Relations Division; Director General, Policy and Plans with the Communications Security Establishment; and Director General, International Organizations at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He is married to Judith Lee Irwin and they have two children. Mr. von Nostitz succeeds Arthur Perron who has recently been named as Ambassador in support of Quebec's bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.