Political and International Security Affairs. Mr. Kinsman replaces Michael R. Bell.

<u>J. Christopher Poole</u>, born in Ottawa, Ontario, as Ambassador to the State of Kuwait with concurrent accreditation to the State of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Mr. Poole (BA [Honours Economics], University of British Columbia, 1966; MA, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts and Harvard universities), 1967) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1967. He has served abroad in Brussels, Abidjan and Bucharest. From 1982 to 1987, he was Deputy Consul General in San Francisco, and from 1990 to 1991 he was Ambassador to Iraq. In Ottawa, he has worked as Director of the East European Division, Vice-President of the Canadian Commercial Corporation and Director of the International Marketing Policy Group in External Affairs and International Trade Canada. From 1987 to 1990, he was seconded to the Government of British Columbia as Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for export marketing and as Vice-President, British Columbia Trade Development Corporation in Vancouver. Most recently, Mr. Poole was Director General, Grain Marketing Bureau with Agriculture Canada. He is married to Linda Nelson. Mr. Poole replaces Lawrence T. Dickenson.

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