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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OTTAWA - CANADA

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HIS EXCELLENCY MILTON MESSINA PRESENTED TODAY TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL, THE HONOURABLE PATRICK KERWIN, P.C., CHIEF JUSTICE OF CANADA, HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAOR-DINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO CANADA.

MR. JULES LEGER, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WAS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. J.A. MCCORDICK, PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR-GENERAL. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DR. JUAN SULLY BONNELLY, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE EMBASSY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

MR. MESSINA IS A DOCTOR OF LAW AND A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HE HAS HELD THE POSTS OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK, MINISTER OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO THE PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND DELEGATE TO G.A.T.T. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, HE WAS MINISTER AT HIS COUNTRY'S EMBASSY IN LONDON.

MR. MESSINA IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.