The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today the appointment of the following senior officers of the Department of External Affairs:

Mr. James R. Barker, 50, of Kingston, Director of the Operations Centre, to be High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania and to Zambia.

Mr. Craig Langille, 53, of Edmonton, Director of the United States Division, to be Ambassador to Costa Rica, to Panama, to Nicaragua, to Honduras, and to El Salvador.

Mr. Edward R. Rettie, 50, of Ottawa, Director of the Security and Intelligence Liaison Division, to be High Commissioner to Malaysia.

Mr. Ralph E. Reynolds, 51, of Ottawa, Director of the Transport, Communications and Energy Division, to be Ambassador to Ethiopia and to the Somali Republic.

Biographical notes are attached.