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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. HALLGRIMUR FREDERICK HALLGRIMSSON, C.B.E., A CANADIAN-BORN CITIZEN OF ICELAND, AS HONORARY CONSUL-GENERAL OF CANADA IN ICELAND.

THE STATUS OF THE CANADIAN MINISTER TO ICELAND, WHO IS ALSO CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY, REMAINS UNCHANGED, BUT MR. HALLGRIMSSON WILL TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CANADIAN CONSULAR INTERESTS IN ICELAND. AS THE MINISTER TO ICELAND NORMALLY IS NOT ABLE TO VISIT REYKJAVIK VERY FREQUENTLY, THE PRESENCE OF A RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL FACILITATE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL AS PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE ICELANDIC COMMUNITY IN CANADA AND THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

THE CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CONSELLOR IN OSLO WILL RETAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND ICELAND.

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