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APPOINTMENT OF JAMES R. MIDWINTER AS INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN OPERATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Don Jamieson, announces the appointment of James R. Midwinter as the first Inspector General of Foreign Operations. Mr. Midwinter is currently Senior Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Operations).

An Inspector General of Foreign Operations is being appointed to direct a strengthened Inspection Service under the aegis of the Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations (ICER). The Inspection Service will have responsibility for auditing and evaluating the effectiveness of foreign operations of all government departments and agencies encompassing the full range of Canadian Government activities at missions abroad. At present 15 departments and agencies have personnel serving abroad under ICER guidelines. The Inspector General will operate as an agent of the ICER and will report to the Committee through its Chairman, the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Born in Brandon, Manitoba in 1929, Mr. Midwinter holds degrees from the University of British Columbia and Oxford University. He joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the then Department of Trade and Commerce and served abroad in Central America, the United States, India and Chile. Mr. Midwinter subsequently held a series of senior positions in Industry, Trade and Commerce in Ottawa before joining the Privy Council Office in 1974 as Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Government Operations). He was appointed Senior Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Operations) in 1975.