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APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN LEWIS AS
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AND AMBASSADOR
TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Mr. Stephen Lewis has been appointed to the position of Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the United Nations, New York.

Born in Ottawa November 11, 1937, Mr. Lewis has led an active career as a politician, broadcaster and writer. He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1963 and was leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party from 1970-78. He became Leader of the Official Opposition in 1975 and held that position until he resigned his seat in 1978.

Mr. Lewis has travelled extensively in Africa and has spoken on international themes on numerous occasions. In the recent past, he has been a noted broadcaster on issues of public concern and worked as a labour arbitrator. Mr. Lewis has an honorary doctorate from McMaster University in Hamilton.