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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced the appointments of Mr. Robert E. Pedersen as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Iceland, and Ms. Julie Loranger as Ambassador to the Republic of Cuba.

Mr. Robert E. Pedersen was born in Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

Mr. Pedersen (BSc [Mechanical Engineering], University of British Columbia, 1959; MBA, University of Western Ontario, 1964; Diploma, Aeronautical Engineering RCAF, 1957) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1964. He has served abroad in New Orleans, Tokyo, Tel Aviv, Washington, Nairobi and Beijing. In Ottawa, from 1981 to 1985, he held the position of Vice-President, Canadian Commercial Corporation. In External Affairs and International Trade Canada, Mr. Pedersen has held the positions of Director General, Capital Projects and Secondary Industries, and, since 1990, Director General, Export Programs and Service Industries. He is married to Geraldine Pedersen and they have three children. Mr. Pedersen replaces Mr. Graham H. Mitchell.

Ms. Julie Loranger was born in Montreal, Quebec.

Ms. Loranger (BA, Université de Paris, 1956; BCL, McGill University, 1959; MA, Institut des hautes études internationales, Paris, 1963; Member of the Quebec Bar since 1960), joined the Department of External Affairs in 1972. She has served abroad as Consul General in Strasbourg. In Ottawa, Ms. Loranger worked for the International Telecommunications Branch, Department of Communications,