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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES THAT IT HAS WELCOMED THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE SWISS GOVERNMENT TO RAISE THE STATUS OF THE SWISS LEGATION IN OTTAWA TO THAT OF AN EMBASSY AND AGREED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESENT SWISS MINISTER, DR. VICTOR NEF, AS FIRST AMBASSADOR OF SWITZERLAND TO CANADA.

CANADIAN REPRESENTATION IN BERNE HAS BEEN AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL SINCE MARCH 1953, AT WHICH TIME THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT INDICATED THAT IT WOULD WELCOME THIS CHANGE IN STATUS WHENEVER THE SWISS GOVERNMENT SO DESIRED.