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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mark MacGuigan, announced today that he will be heading Canada's delegation to the independence ceremonies for the new State of Zimbabwe. The official delegation will also include Arnold Smith, former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth from 1965 to 1975 and Terence Bacon, Canadian High Commissioner to Zambia.

Prime Minister Trudeau and Dr. MacGuigan have also sent messages of congratulations to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and Foreign Minister Simon Mzenda indicating that Canada looks forward to a close friendly relationship with Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe will officially become independent at midnight April 17, 1980.