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APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today the appointments of Richmond Olson and Charles Bédard as Commissioners of the International Joint Commission.

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Mr. Richmond Olson was born in Western Canada. Mr. Olson graduated from the University of Alberta with the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Law. He was included in the Queen's Honours List in 1968.

After a number of years as Legislative Counsel to the Northwest Territories Council, Mr. Olson joined the Federal Department of Justice where he was the Chief Legal Advisor to the Head of the Canadian Delegation during the negotiations for the Columbia River Basin Treaty.

Mr. Olson resigned from the Department after serving as General Counsel in 1976, and established the Waverley Institute for the Study of General Theory.

He has participated in the work of many organizations including the Canadian Bar Association, the Law Society of Alberta, the Law Society of the Northwest Territories, the Canadian Association for the Club of Rome, the Consumers' Association of Canada and the International Council on Social Welfare.

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