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Lucie Geneviève Edwards, born in Ottawa, Ontario, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Kenya and as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in Nairobi.

Paul Heinbecker, born in Kitchener, Ontario, as Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Jeremy Kinsman, born in Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

J. Christopher Poole, born in Ottawa, Ontario, as Ambassador to the State of Kuwait with concurrent accreditation to the State of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Canada Ratifies Basel Convention

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The federal government has taken a significant step toward ensuring the proper management of transboundary movement and disposal of hazardous waste on an international scale.

The Honourable Barbara McDougall and the Environment Minister, the Honourable Jean Charest, announced that Canada has ratified the United Nations Basel Convention. The Convention sets common goals and objectives and establishes harmonized procedures for all parties to follow when hazardous wastes are moved between member countries. "This convention is an important move toward environmental responsibility on a global scale," said Mrs. McDougall. "Ratification of the Basel Convention allows Canada to honour its international obligations, made at the Earth Summit in Rio, to deal with hazardous waste in an environmentally sound manner," said Mr. Charest. Countries that have ratified the Convention can import and export hazardous waste only among themselves.

Wilson and McKnight Welcome FTA Panel Ruling on Swine

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The Honourable Michael Wilson and the Honourable Bill McKnight, Minister of Agriculture, stated that they were pleased with the decision of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) binational panel on the U.S. fifth administrative review of imports of live swine from Canada covering the period of April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990. The panel ordered a remand to the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) on parts of its determinations concerning the ruling of countervailability of Canada's National Tripartite Stabilization Program and other programs. "This is the second time that a panel in the case of live swine has found that a DOC ruling on the countervailability of the Tripartite Program is not supported by substantial evidence on the record in several important respects," said Mr. Wilson. "This panel's decision stands as a concrete example of the benefits afforded to Canadian exporters by the dispute settlement mechanism of the FTA," added Mr. McKnight.

Upcoming Events

September 11-12, 1992:	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok, Thailand)
September 15, 1992:	United Nations General Assembly (New York)
December 14-15, 1992:	CSCE Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting (Stockholm)

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