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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Flora MacDonald, announces the appointment by the Public Service Commission of Gordon S. Smith as Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (Management and Planning) effective September 11, 1979.

Mr. Smith was born in Montreal and studied at McGill University and at the University of Chicago. He obtained his Ph.D. in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he specialized in questions of international security and order. He joined the Department of External Affairs and worked in Ottawa in the Defence Liaison Division before being posted to the Canadian Delegation to NATO.

In 1970, Mr. Smith became Special Adviser to the Minister of National Defence. In 1972, he joined the Privy Council Office, where he has held a variety of positions, including Director of Government Organization, Senior Assistant Secretary (Machinery of Government) and Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Plans). Since June he has been responsible for the implementation of the new Cabinet structure and decision-making process.

Mr. Smith's appointment fills the vacancy created by the appointment of Mr. Jim S. Nutt as Consul General in New York and Commissioner to Bermuda, which was announced earlier.