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APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE "OPEN SKIES" CONFERENCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Fred Bild to the post of Secretary General of the "Open Skies" Conference and Mr. Jeremy Kinsman to replace Mr. Bild as Assistant Deputy Minister for Political and International Security Affairs.

The Open Skies Conference will begin on February 12, 1990. Foreign Ministers of the 23 member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Warsaw Treaty Organization will attend the opening. As Secretary General, Mr. Bild will be in charge of the preparations for and operation of the Conference.

Born in 1935, Mr. Bild was educated at Sir George Williams University in Montreal, University College in London, England and Ecole nationale d'Administration in Paris. Since entering the Foreign Service in 1961, Mr. Bild has served overseas in Tokyo, Laos, Paris and as Ambassador to Thailand. At present, Mr. Bild is the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for Political and International Security Affairs.

Born in 1942, Mr. Kinsman joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966. He has served overseas in Brussels, Stockholm, Algiers, New York and Washington. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Kinsman was the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for Cultural Affairs and Broadcasting at the Department of Communications.