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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. Michael R. Bell, from Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Mr. Bell (BComm [Economics], Queen's University, 1961) joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1961. In Ottawa, he has served as Director, Policy and Planning, Electrical and Electronics Branch with the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. With External Affairs and International Trade Canada, he has served as Assistant Deputy Minister, Latin America and Caribbean Branch, from 1985 to 1988, and as Assistant Deputy Minister, Special Projects: COSICS Implementation, from 1988 to 1990. He has served abroad in Oslo, London, Lima, Madrid and Moscow. In 1981 until 1985, he returned to Lima as Ambassador. Since 1990 he has been Ambassador to the Soviet Union, now the Russian Federation, with concurrent accreditation to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Mr. Bell is married to Christine McCook and they have two children. He replaces Jacques Gignac.

Mr. Arthur H. Campeau, from Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador for Environment and Sustainable Development.

Mr. Campeau (BA Honours [Political Science and Philosophy], Loyola College; BCL Honours, McGill University; called to the Bar of Quebec, 1967; appointed Queen's Counsel, 1986) has served as the Special Advisor on International Affairs to the Minister of Environment Canada since 1989 and, in February 1992, was also appointed Ambassador and Personal Representative (Sherpa) of the Prime Minister to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

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