Lloyd Axworthy
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Lloyd Axworthy was born on Dec. 21, 1939, in Saskatchewan. He graduated from United College (now the University of Winnipeg) and from Princeton University, receiving a doctorate in 1972.

During the 1960s and '70s, he was a professor of political science at the University of Winnipeg and also served as director of the university's Institute of Urban Studies.

In June 1973, he was elected as Liberal member of the Manitoba legislative assembly, representing the Fort Rouge constituency, and was re-elected in October 1977.

First elected to Parliament in May 1979, Mr. Axworthy was re-elected in 1980 to the riding of Winnipeg-Fort Garry. Between 1980 and 1984, he served as Minister of Employment and Immigration, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women and Minister of Transport.

Between 1984 and 1992, he held a variety of positions including critic for regional and industrial expansion and the Canadian Wheat Board; deputy critic for external affairs; critic for trade; and chairman of both the Liberal Trade Task Force and the Liberal Caucus Economic Policy Committee.

Mr. Axworthy was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs on Jan. 25, 1996. He previously served in cabinet as Minister of Human Resources Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification. During that time he was also a member of the Social Development Policy and Economic Development Policy cabinet committees, and he remains a member of the latter body.

Mr. Axworthy is married to Denise Ommaney. They have three children.