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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. Bruce M. Williams as Canadian Ambassador to Turkey. He replaces Mr. P.A. Bridle who, since June 2, has been acting as Canadian Commissioner to the International Supervisory Commission in Laos.

Mr. Williams was born in Nipigon, Ontario, in 1918, and is a graduate of the University of Toronto. In 1946, after his discharge from the Canadian Army, he joined the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Williams served as Secretary to the Canadian Delegation to the Atomic Energy Commission from 1946 to 1948; as Deputy Permanent Delegate at the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva in 1952; during the years 1953-1956, he served as Counsellor at the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in New Delhi. In 1956 he was appointed Canadian Commissioner to the International Supervisory Commission for Vietnam. On his return to Canada in 1957 he served in the Department as Head of Personnel Division until 1959. In that year he was appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Ghana, and was later accredited concurrently as Canadian Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Guinea and Togo. Mr. Williams returned to Canada in July of this year.

On assuming his duties as Ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Williams will take up residence in Ankara.

Mr. Williams is single.