

Mr. Michael Kergin (44), born in Bramshott, England, as Ambassador to Cuba.

Mr. Kergin [B.A., University of Toronto, 1965; B.A. (OXON), Oxford, 1967] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. He has served abroad in Yaounde, Washington (Inter-American Development Bank), Santiago, and as Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York. In Ottawa, from 1984 to 1985, he was Director, Defence Relations. Since 1985, he has been Senior Departmental Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Kergin replaces Mr. K.B. Williamson who has returned to Ottawa.

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Mr. Claude Laverdure (43), born in Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to Haiti.

Mr. Laverdure [B.A., Collège André-Grasset, 1961; B.Sc. (Political Science), Montreal University, 1964; M.A. (Political Science), Montreal University, 1965] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1965. He has served abroad in Brussels, Paris, and as Counsellor in Tunis. In Ottawa, from 1974 to 1976, he was Deputy Director, Francophone Institutions; from 1979 to 1981, Deputy Director, Information Programs; and from 1981 to 1982, Deputy Director, Federal/Provincial Co-ordination. Since 1982, he has been Senior Departmental Assistant to the Minister for External Relations. Mr. Laverdure replaces Mr. J.A. Malone.

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