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FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE: PRESS RELEASES:

Diplomatic Appointments

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments: David Adam as Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador; David Berger as Ambassador to the State of Israel with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to the Republic of Cyprus; William L. Clarke as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden; Ann Collins as Consul General in St. Petersburg; Michel de Salaberry as Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; Gilles Duguay as Ambassador to the Republic of Romania with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova; Bernard Dussault as High Commissioner to the Republic of Kenya; Yves Gagnon as Ambassador to the Republic of Venezuela with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to the Dominican Republic; Pierre Giguère as Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to the Central African Republic; Dan E. Goodleaf as Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica; Roland Goulet as Ambassador to the Eastern Republic of Uruguay; George Haynal as Consul General in New/York; Louise Léger as Ambassador to the Republic of Panama; Gabriel M. Lessard as Ambassador to Ethiopia with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to Eritrea; Edward (Ted) Lipman as Consul General in Shanghai; D. Gordon Longmuir as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia; François Mathys as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland; Susan McCoy as Ambassador to the Republic of Mali; Mark Moher as Ambassador and Alternate Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva and Permanent Representative to the United Nations for Disarmament; Arthur C. Perron as High Commissioner to the Republic of South Africa; Marc Perron as Ambassador to the United Mexican States; Jean-Guy Saint-Martin as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco; Konrad Sigurdson as High Commissioner to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives; Kimon Valaskakis as Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris; John M. Weekes as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva and to the World Trade Organization.

STATEMENT:

Asia-Pacific means a lot to the Canadian economy: Asia-Pacific is a pillar of our agricultural and resource sector, a region with growth three times the average of the OECD [Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development], whose markets will assure the viability of these sectors for years to come. With its massive demand for upgraded infrastructure, Asia-Pacific is a crucial test of global competitiveness for key Canadian sectors — power, oil and gas, telecommunications and transportation. Rising currencies and incomes have made Asia-Pacific the fastest-growing source of growth for inbound tourism — passenger arrivals into Canada have doubled since 1985 to over 30 per cent of the total. Whether for industrial renewal, resource development or scientific innovation, Asia-Pacific is furnishing our economy with a whole new set of strategic partners in corporate finance. Asia-Pacific provides four of the top five sources of entrepreneurial immigrants to Canada and 60 per cent of fee-paying foreign students, who pump about \$30 000 per head into our economy. And Asia-Pacific is making some distinctive contributions to the Canadian economic agenda: according to research, our trade with the region is uniquely "job intensive" relative to trade with the United States or other regions; statistics show that Asia-Pacific provides an especially powerful avenue of business expansion for Canadian SMEs. Asia-Pacific trade is promising for all Canadian regions but traditionally is of greatest importance for western Canada.

Notes for an Address by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), to the Calgary Export Club, (Calgary, Alberta, June 20, 1995, 95/41)

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER Canada Day Message

June 29, 1995

... Though the cost was great, the end of the war saw Canada come of age, full of confidence and promise. As a proud, independent nation, Canada needed a distinctive flag of its own. Respected around the world, the Maple Leaf has come to symbolize peace, generosity, prosperity and international responsibility. This year we have seen our flag flown as a symbol of hope and humanity by Canadian peacekeepers in the war-torn former Yugoslavia; and we have seen it flown as a symbol of international solidarity by British fishermen supporting Canada's bold environmental leadership, saving fish stocks from extinction. These are the values that make us proud to be Canadians. Many of our ancestors paid a high price so that we could remain a free and democratic nation. In the years ahead, we must enhance and defend this great legacy. Please accept my best wishes for a happy Canada Day.

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