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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. John Alan Beesley, O.C., as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva with concurrent accreditation to GATT and as Ambassador to the Committee on Disarmament.

Born in British Columbia, Mr. Beesley (55) received his legal degree from the University of British Columbia (B.A. and LL.B.) and practised law from 1951 until 1956 when he joined the Department of External Affairs. He has served abroad in Tel Aviv and Geneva, and as Ambassador to Austria, and concurrently as Permanent Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) from 1973-76. He was High Commissioner to Australia, with concurrent accreditation to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, from 1977-80. In Ottawa he has served as Assistant Under-Secretary and twice as Departmental Legal Adviser. In 1973, in conjunction with his other duties, Mr. Beesley was appointed Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the Law of the Sea, as well as Deputy Head of Canada's Law of the Sea Delegation. From 1980 until 1982, he was Ambassador to the Law of the Sea Conference in New York and in 1983 was appointed as Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament. Mr. Beesley will succeed Mr. D.S. McPhail who has been named Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

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