

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp has announced the appointment of Mr. Arthur Frederick BROADBRIDGE as the first resident Canadian High Commissioner to the Republic of Zambia.

Diplomatic relations between Canada and Zambia were established in 1966 through the non-resident accreditation of the Canadian Ambassador to the Congo (now Zaire). In 1968 this responsibility was transferred to the High Commissioner in Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania). In 1971 a Canadian Development Office was established in Lusaka. The Canadian Government recently announced that it would establish a resident High Commission in Lusaka during this year. The resident High Commissioner is expected to arrive by December.

In Foreign Policy for Canadians specific reference was made to the desirability of establishing a resident mission to reflect the Canadian Government's deep concern with events in southern Africa. The new mission in Lusaka will enable the Canadian Government to gain greater understanding of the special problems of the region, as well as to increase our capacity to speak and act effectively on southern African questions. Moreover, in line with the decision to make more economic assistance available to the African states in the area, it is expected that the High Commission in Zambia would be heavily engaged in the Canadian development assistance programme.

While announcing the appointment of the resident Canadian High Commissioner to Zambia, the Canadian Government is also pleased to announce that the Government of Zambia has been informed that the appointment of Mr. P.F.J. Lusaka, Permanent Representative of the Government of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations, New York, as non-resident Zambian High Commissioner to Canada is welcomed.