

Bill Graham

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Bill Graham was born March 17, 1939, in Montreal. He received a law degree from the University of Toronto and a doctorate in law from the University of Paris.

Mr. Graham has been a partner in a Toronto law firm and director of the Centre of International Studies at the University of Toronto. He has also taught at the universities of Toronto and Montreal and at McGill University.

A former vice-president of the Parliamentary Association of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas, Mr. Graham has worked with PD Burma, an organization of legislators around the world concerned about democracy in Burma. He is a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Council Against Anti-Semitism.

Mr. Graham was first elected to the House of Commons in 1993 as the Liberal member of Parliament for Toronto Centre-Rosedale. From 1995 to 2000, he chaired the House standing committee on foreign affairs and international trade.

Mr. Graham was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs on Jan. 16, 2002, and was reappointed to this portfolio on Dec. 12, 2003.

Mr. Graham and his wife, Catherine, have two children.