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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Serge April, born in Quebec City, Quebec, as Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Mr. April (BA, Externat classique St-Jean Eudes, Quebec, 1964; LLL, Laval University, Quebec, 1967; called to the bar of Quebec, 1968; DES [Public Law], University of Ottawa, 1970; Academy of International Law, The Hague, 1972) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1968. In Ottawa, he has served as Director, Economic Law and Treaty Division; Senior Advisor for Federal-Provincial Relations; and, from 1989 to the present, Director General of the Bureau of Legal Affairs. Abroad, Mr. April has served in Rome, Havana, Paris (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) and, from 1985 to 1988, was Ambassador to Senegal. Mr. April is married to Suzanne Mercier and they have two children. He replaces Gaétan Lavertu.

J.E.G. (Ted) Gibson, from London, Ontario, as Consul General in Dallas.

Mr. Gibson (BA, University of Western Ontario, 1958; Post Graduate Studies, London School of Economics, 1962) joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1962. In Ottawa, he has served as Director General, Bureau of European Affairs (ITC); Director General, Office of Trade Development (Europe); Director General, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Products Bureau; Director General, Defence Programs and Advanced Technology Bureau; and most recently as Director General, International Marketing Bureau. Mr. Gibson has served abroad in Mexico, Canberra, Islamabad, Caracas, The Hague and, from 1983 to 1987, as Ambassador to Colombia

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