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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green announced today that Mr. Marcel Cadieux, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs has been elected to membership of the International Law Commission by the General Assembly of the United Nations. At an election in which 42 candidates were competing for the 25 seats of the Commission Mr. Cadieux received 89 votes out of 103 ballots cast by the General Assembly. He had been nominated to the position by Canada, Australia and Britain.

This is the first time that a Canadian will be serving on the International Law Commission. The Law Commission limits its membership to one member of any nationality, with the objective of thus having a wide representation of the main forms of civilization and legal systems of the world. The International Commission was formed in 1947 by a resolution of the General Assembly and has as its object "the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification". The Commission, as one of the major bodies engaged in this work, has been fulfilling its task by surveying the fields of international law, and translating these into articles of draft conventions. In this way, for instance, many of the rules that have

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