

Mr. Robert J. Rochon, born in Ottawa, as Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, with concurrent accreditation to the Eastern Republic of Uruguay.

Mr. Rochon (BPh, Université de Lille, France, 1965; Civil Law, Université de Louvain, Belgium, 1967; BA [Political Science], University of Ottawa, 1968; Advanced Studies in International Relations, University of Ottawa, 1969; Specialist Certificate [Law of the Sea and Utilization of Marine Resources], Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Harvard Law School, 1979) joined the Department of External Affairs in May 1969. He has served abroad in New York, London, San José and as Counsellor and Consul in Geneva. In Ottawa, he has served as Deputy Director, Legal Operations Division, and as Director, Nuclear Affairs Division. Since 1988, he has been the Director of the Legal Operations Division. Mr. Rochon is married to Carol Ann Rochon and they have three children. Mr. Rochon replaces Mr. Clayton G. Bullis.

Mr. Gordon S. Smith, born in Montreal, as Head of Mission, Ambassador to the European Communities in Brussels.

Mr. Smith (BA, McGill University, 1962; PhD [Political Science], Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1966) joined the Public Service in 1966, serving with the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa and with the Canadian Delegation to NATO in Brussels. From 1985 to 1990, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to NATO in Brussels. In Ottawa, he has held a variety of positions, including Deputy Under-Secretary for Management and Planning at External Affairs from 1980 to 1981, Secretary of the Ministry of State for Social Development from 1981 to 1984, and Associate Secretary to the Cabinet and Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council from 1984 to 1985. In 1985 he was Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Deputy Minister for Political Affairs, Department of External Affairs. Since returning from Brussels in 1990, Mr. Smith has served as the Secretary to the Cabinet for Federal-Provincial Relations and as Senior Advisor, Privy Council Office. He is married to Lise Grace Lacroix and they have four children. Mr. Smith is replacing Mr. Daniel Molgat.

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