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APPOINTMENT OF CANADIAN MEMBER
TO THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of Mr. Henri Grondin, partner in the Quebec City law firm of Grondin, Poudrier, Bernier, as a Canadian member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (set up under the Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes of 1899).

Mr. Grondin replaces Ambassador Yves Fortier, Q.C., Canadian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, who resigned effective April 30, 1989. Mr. Grondin will complete the term of Ambassador Fortier that expires on June 29, 1990. The other three Canadian members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration are: The Honourable Mme. Justice Bertha Wilson, Mr. Edward G. Lee, Q.C., and Professor Edward McWhinney, Q.C.

Members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration hold office for six years and serve without honorarium. They are drawn from four constituencies of the Canadian legal community: the Bench, the academic community, the public service, and the practising bar.

In addition to duties as arbitrators which they may be called on to perform, the Canadian Members serve as the Canadian National Group under the Statute of the International Court of Justice. The function of the Group is to submit nominations to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the election of judges of the International Court of Justice by the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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