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## Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today the appointment of Mr. A.D.P. Heeney, C.C., M.A., B.C.L., LL.D., D.C.L., as Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence to succeed Mr. L. Dana Wilgress.

Mr. Martin indicated that Mr. Heeney will continue to serve as Chairman of the Canadian Section of the International Joint Commission. He recalled that Mr. Heeney has been associated with defence affairs throughout his career as a public servant: as Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet and the Cabinet War Committee during World War II, then successively as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Permanent Representative to NATO and twice Ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Martin also paid tribute to Mr. Wilgress' long and dedicated years in the Canadian foreign service where he served as Minister to Switzerland, High Commissioner for Canada in Britain, Ambassador to Moscow, Canadian Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council and was Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Wilgress has served with the Board since 1959.