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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced that the Government had decided to amalgamate Canada's Permanent Mission to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva and its Delegation to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, in order to ensure close coordination of their activities and to achieve maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

Prior to amalgamation of the two missions, Mr. Jean-Louis Delisle was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva. Mr. George Ignatieff was Ambassador and Representative of Canada to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament. Mr. Delisle has been unwell and in order to relieve him of some of the heavy burden of his earlier responsibilities Mr. Ignatieff has been appointed as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva, while continuing as Ambassador and Representative of Canada to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.

Mr. Ignatieff will represent the Government of Canada on all organs of the United Nations meeting at Geneva and at all meetings held in Geneva under the auspices of the United Nations. He is also accredited to the Specialized Agencies and other international organizations in Geneva.

Pending his return to Canada this summer for reassignment Mr. Delisle, with the rank of Ambassador, will retain responsibility for relations with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies.

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GEORGE IGNATIEFF

Mr. Ignatieff was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, on December 16, 1913. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar in 1936 and later attended the University of London.