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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today the appointment of Mr. John P. Sigvaldason, at present Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia, as Ambassador to Norway, succeeding Mr. J.L.E. Couillard who was appointed to the Economic Council of Canada last November.

Mr. Sigvaldason was born in Baldur, Manitoba, in 1904 and is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. Before joining the RCAF in 1942, he had been an officer of the Manitoba Department of Education for some years. After overseas service with the RCAF, he received his discharge as a Squadron Leader in 1946, when he joined the Department of External Affairs. He served in London until 1952 and was then transferred to Ottawa. From 1956 to 1958, he served in Karachi where he was Acting High Commissioner for almost a year in 1957. He returned to Ottawa early in 1958 and was appointed Ambassador to Indonesia in November of 1960.

Mr. Sigvaldason is married and has one child.