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LÉONARD LEGAULT TO HEAD CANADIAN DELEGATION TO UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the appointment of Léonard Legault as head of the Canadian Delegation to the 51st session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. The Commission, which is the primary UN body dealing with international human rights issues, will meet in Geneva from January 30 to March 10, 1995.

Mr. Legault is currently Ambassador to the Holy See. He has previously held a number of senior positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, including the position of Senior Assistant Deputy-Minister (United States) and Co-ordinator, Free Trade Agreement, and Assistant Deputy-Minister for Legal, Consular and Immigration Affairs. His other postings included Warsaw, New Delhi, Geneva, Lagos and Washington.

Mr. Legault holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law from the University of Saskatchewan, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1981. He was named Officer of the Order of Canada in 1987, after receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada in 1986. Mr. Legault is also the author of numerous articles on international law.

In preparation for the meeting of the Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Legault will be attending the annual consultations of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade with non-governmental organizations on international human rights, taking place January 17 and 18, 1995. Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will represent Mr. Ouellet at the consultations.

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