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APPOINTMENT OF A NEW ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR LATIN AMERICA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today the appointment of Mr. Richard V. Gorham as Roving Ambassador for Latin America.

In announcing this appointment, Mr. Clark recalled his commitment earlier this year to further develop and reinforce Canada's relations with the countries of Latin America. The new Roving Ambassador will undertake substantial responsibilities related to the achievement of this objective.

Mr. Gorham will be responsible for projecting Canadian policy and for representing the Government within Canada as well as in Latin America. He will complement and reinforce the efforts of Canadian Heads of Mission in the region in promoting a better understanding of the broad lines of Canadian foreign policy and in developing support for policies and positions of common interest. He will also maintain an active liaison role with select regional institutions such as the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Latin America Economic System (SELA) whose activities, particularly in the areas of trade policy, debt, economics and social development, are of interest to the government as well as to many Canadian groups.

Mr. Gorham will also serve concurrently as Ambassador, Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States (OAS). In this capacity, he will represent Canada at meetings of the OAS and its select committees and of specialized/technical agencies of the inter-American system which involve Canadian interests.

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Mr. Gorham (60), (born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, B.A., University of New Brunswick, 1950; M.A., Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1951) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952. He has served abroad in Tokyo; New Delhi; as Commissioner to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia from 1968 to 1970; and as Minister in Tokyo from 1974 to 1979. In Ottawa he was Director of the Press Office from 1971 to 1974; and Assistant Under-Secretary for Latin America and Caribbean Affairs from 1979 to 1983. He was Ambassador to China from 1984 to 1987.