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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. Jacques Asselin (54), born in Montréal, Quebec, as Consul General in Seattle, U.S.A.

Mr. Asselin (B.A., University of Ottawa, 1952; M.A., University of Montreal, 1955) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1957. He has served abroad in Mexico City, Washington, Moscow and Paris. In 1977, he was named Ambassador to Senegal with concurrent accreditation to Cape Verde Islands, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Mauritania. Since 1982 Mr. Asselin has served as Assistant Under-Secretary for Federal-Provincial Relations. Mr. Asselin will replace Mr. John Sharpe who has returned to Canada.

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Mr. John Peter Bell (45), born in Montréal, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Ivory Coast with concurrent accreditation to Upper Volta, Mali and Niger.

Mr. Bell (B.Comm., University of British Columbia, 1962) joined the foreign service in 1962 and served abroad in the Trade Commissioner Service in Stockholm, Accra, Abidjan, Paris, Sydney and Sao Paulo. From 1982 he has been Deputy Consul General (Commercial) in New York. He will replace Mr. Ernest Hébert.

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Mr. Pierre Charpentier (57), born in Ottawa, as Ambassador and Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Charpentier (B.A., University of Montreal, 1943; Certificate in Philosophy, Dominican College, Ottawa, 1946; Law Degree, University of Montreal and Member of the Bar of Quebec, 1949; M.A. (Rhodes Scholar), Oxford University, 1951), joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952. He has served abroad in Madrid, Warsaw and at the OECD in Paris. In 1970, Mr. Charpentier was named Ambassador to Peru with concurrent accreditation to Bolivia and in 1976 was named Ambassador to Algeria. In 1980 Mr. Charpentier took up his present assignment as Director of Academic Relations at External Affairs. He will replace Mr. Kenneth Williamson whose next assignment will be announced.

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Mr. Erik B. Wang (51) born in Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to Denmark.

Mr. Wang (B.A., McGill University, 1954; BCL, McGill University, 1957; Quebec Bar, 1958) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1958. He has served abroad in Copenhagen, Oslo, New Delhi and at the United Nations in New York. Since 1981, Mr. Wang has been Director of the Consular Policy Division. He will replace Miss Marion A. Macpherson who is now Deputy Commandant of the National Defence College in Kingston, Ontario.

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Mr. John Lawrence Paynter as Ambassador to Laos. Mr. Paynter's appointment as Ambassador to Thailand, where he is resident, was announced September 23, 1983.

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Mr. Peter McLaren Roberts as Ambassador to Mongolia. Mr. Roberts's appointment as Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, where he is resident, was announced September 23, 1983.

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Mr. Witold Maciej Weynerowski as Ambassador to Libya. Mr. Weynerowski's appointment as Ambassador to Tunisia, where he is resident, was announced October 7, 1983.