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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Robert R. Fowler, as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York.

Marc Lemieux, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Daniel G. Marchand, as Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Mary Mosser, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Zambia.

John L. Paynter, as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China with concurrent accreditation to Mongolia.

Michael C. Spencer, as Consul General in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Christopher W. Westdal, as Ambassador for Disarmament.

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Biographical notes are attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Robert R. Fowler, (B.A., Queen's University, 1968) joined the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in 1968 and the Department of External Affairs in 1969. He served abroad in Paris from 1971 to 1973, and at the United Nations in New York from 1976 to 1978. In Ottawa, Mr. Fowler served as Executive Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and in 1980 was seconded to the Privy Council Office to become Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Foreign and Defence Policy). In 1986, he was named Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) in the Department of National Defence, and in May 1989, was appointed Deputy Minister of National Defence. He is married to Mary Fowler and they have four daughters. Mr. Fowler succeeds Louise Fréchette.

Marc Lemieux, (B.A., Laval University, 1963; M.A., Laval University, 1967) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1967. In Ottawa, Mr. Lemieux has worked as Deputy Director of Personnel, Director of Food Products Division and Director of South and Southeast Asia Trade Development Division in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He has served abroad as Consul General in Rio de Janeiro, Ambassador to Ethiopia, Consul General in Detroit and Ambassador to Algeria. Most recently, Mr. Lemieux has been the interim Regional Executive Director, Quebec Region, with Industry Canada. He is married to Lise Bergeron and the couple have two children. He succeeds Jean Nadeau.

Daniel G. Marchand (B.A., Laval University, 1970; B.Sc., [Economie] Université du Québec at Trois Rivières, 1973) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1973 and served abroad in London, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Abidjan. In Ottawa, he has held various positions, including Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister for International Trade, Director, International Expositions, and since 1992, Director, Africa and Middle East Trade Development Division. Mr. Marchand is married to Sally Dowe. He is the first resident Canadian ambassador to Lebanon since June 14, 1985.

Mary Mosser (B.A., University of Toronto, 1964; M.A., University of Toronto, 1966), born in Toronto, Ontario, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1973 and served abroad in Singapore, Paris and Moscow, and from 1992 to 1994 was Chargé d'affaires in Belgrade. In Ottawa, she worked in the areas of Aid and Development, and Commodity and Energy Policy, and held the positions of Deputy Director, Science, Technology and Nuclear Division, and Deputy Director (Eastern Europe), U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe Relations Division. Ms. Mosser succeeds Aubrey L. Morantz.

John L. Paynter (B.A., University of British Columbia, 1962; M.A., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 1963; B.A., Christ Church, Oxford University, 1965; M.A., Christ Church, Oxford University, 1970), born in Victoria, B.C., joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966 and served abroad in Moscow, Hong Kong, Beijing and Geneva. From 1983 to 1987, he was Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand with concurrent accreditation to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and from 1991 to 1994 served as High Commissioner to the Republic of India with concurrent accreditation to the Kingdom of Nepal. In Ottawa, Mr. Paynter held the positions of Director, General Economic Relations, Finance and Investment Division; Director General, Economic Policy Bureau; and Assistant Deputy Minister of the Economic and Trade Policy Branch. He is married to Inge Paynter and they have three children. Mr. Paynter succeeds Fred Bild.

Michael C. Spencer (B.A., Sophia University, Tokyo, 1964) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1967 and served abroad in Tokyo, in Osaka where he was the Public Relations Director for the Canadian Pavilion at Expo '70, in Milan, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Dallas, in Riyadh as Minister-Counsellor, and from 1986 to 1991, as Consul General in Osaka. In Ottawa, he has held positions in the Africa and Middle East Division of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and as Director, Trade Development Operations in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Spencer is married to Yukiko Spencer and they have two children. He succeeds Mary Vandenhoff.

Christopher W. Westdal (B.A. [Political Science], University of Manitoba, 1968; M.B.A. [Public Policy], University of Manitoba, 1970) joined CIDA in 1973 after working in Tanzania on University of Toronto/CIDA projects. He served abroad in India and Nepal, and from 1982 to 1985 was High Commissioner to the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma. In Ottawa, he held the position of Director, Southeast Asia with CIDA, and twice was seconded to the Privy Council Office. From 1987 to 1991, he was Director General, International Organizations Bureau, External Affairs and International Trade Canada, and from 1991 to 1993 served as Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa. From 1993 to 1994, Mr. Westdal taught as Diplomat in Residence at Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, B.C. He is married to Sheila Hayes. Mr. Westdal succeeds Margaret Mason.