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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. Claude T. Charland (52), born in Québec City, Québec, as Ambassador to Libya while continuing as Ambassador to Italy with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to Malta as announced in March 1985.

Mr. Charland [B.A., University of Montréal, 1954; B.C.L., McGill University, 1967] joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1957. He has served abroad in New Orleans, Lagos, Sao Paulo, Brussels, and Paris, before becoming Assistant Deputy Minister, Export Development, in 1973. In 1977, his title was changed to Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Commissioner Service and International Marketing. In 1979, Mr. Charland was appointed as Ambassador to Mexico. He returned to Ottawa in 1982 as Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Development, and, from 1983 to 1985, he was Assistant Deputy Minister, Latin America and Caribbean.

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Mr. Robert M. Dawson (55), born in Vancouver, British Columbia, as Consul General in Melbourne.

Mr. Dawson [B.Comm., University of British Columbia, 1956] joined the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce in 1956. He has served abroad in Guatemala, Manila, and Madrid; from 1966 to 1970, as Consul and Trade Commissioner, San Francisco; and from 1974 to 1978, as Minister (Economic/Commerical), Tokyo. In Ottawa, from 1970 to 1973, he was Executive Director, Trade Commissioner Service; from 1973 to 1974, Director, Pacific, Asia and Africa; and from 1978 to 1981, Regional Director General, Vancouver. Since 1981, he has been Deputy Commissioner General, EXPO '86. Mr. Dawson replaces Mr. W. Lavoie who has returned to Canada.

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Mr. Geoffrey Elliot (46), born in Northampton, England, as Consul General in Atlanta.

Mr. Elliot [B.A. (Economics and Business), McMaster University, 1961; M.Sc., London School of Economics, 1980] joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1966. He has served abroad as Counsellor (Commercial) in London. In Ottawa, from 1979 to 1981, he was Director, General Trade Policy; from 1981 to 1982, Director General, Office of General Trade Relations; in 1982, Director General, Industrial and Commodity Trade Policy; and from 1982 to 1983, Director General, Trade Relations with Industrialized Countries. Since 1983, he has been Chief Air Negotiator. Mr. Elliot replaces Mr. R.D. Sirrs who returns to Canada.

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Mr. A. Randolph Gherson (58), from Larrimac, Québec, as Chief Air Negotiator.

Mr. Gherson [B.Sc. (Economics), London School of Economics, (Honours), International Economics Relations; Certificate of International Law, The Hague, 1949; post-graduate studies, University of London, 1953] joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1958. From 1968 to 1972, he served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Mission of Canada to the European Economic Communities (EEC) in Brussels; from 1972 to 1976, as Minister-Counsellor (Economic) in Washington; and, from 1980 to 1983, as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. Since 1983, he has been Director General, Western Europe I. Mr. Gherson replaces Mr. G. Elliot.

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Mr. Leonard H. Legault (51), born in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan, as Minister (Economic) and Deputy Head of Mission in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Legault [B.A., University of Saskatchewan, 1956; LL.B., University of Saskatchewan, 1959; admitted to the Bar of Alberta, 1961; Q.C., 1981] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1962. He has served abroad in Warsaw, New Delhi, Geneva, and, from 1977 to 1979, as High Commissioner to Nigeria. In Ottawa, from 1979 to 1980, he was Director General, Legal Affairs; from 1980 to the present, Legal Adviser; from 1982 to 1984, Ambassador and Agent for Canada in the Gulf of Maine case. During the period from 1979 to 1984, he also served as Secretary, Canadian National Group for the Permanent Court of Arbitration; and, in 1984, he was made a member of the Court. Since 1985, he has been Legal Adviser and Assistant Deputy Minister for Legal, Consular and Immigration Affairs. Mr. Legault replaces Mr. J.S. Roy who has returned to Ottawa.

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Mr. Marc C. Lemieux (50), born in Québec, Québec as Consul General in Detroit.

Mr. Lemieux [B.A., Laval University, 1963; M.A., Laval University, 1967] joined the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce in 1967. He has served abroad in Hong Kong and Dallas, and, from 1977 to 1980, as Consul General in Rio de Janeiro. In Ottawa, from 1980 to 1981, he was Senior Advisor, Royal Commission on Conditions in the Foreign Service; from 1981 to 1983, Director, Food Products; and from 1983 to 1984, Director, South and South East Asia Division. Since 1984, he has been Ambassador to Ethiopia. Mr. Lemieux replaces Mr. M.B. Blackwood who has returned to Canada.