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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

**Richard Belliveau** as High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

**Denis Briand** as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

**Graham N. Green** as Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

**Louise Ouimet** as Ambassador to the Republic of Burkina-Faso.

**Wm. Brian Schumacher** as High Commissioner to the Commonwealth of Australia with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands and the Republic of Vanuatu.

**Nancy Stiles** as Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

**Alan G. Virtue** as Consul General in Sydney.

**Christopher W. Westdal** as Ambassador to Ukraine.

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Biographical notes are attached.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

**Richard Belliveau** (B.A. Honours, University of Toronto, 1965; D.E.S. [Canadian History], University of Montreal, 1979) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966 and served abroad in Jakarta, Hong Kong, Beijing, Algiers, Madrid, and Brasilia. Mr. Belliveau has held a number of positions in Ottawa, including Deputy Director, Latin America Division, from 1982 to 1984; Deputy Director, Agriculture and Fisheries Trade Policy Division, and Senior Advisor to the Ambassador for Marine Conservation from 1988 to 1990; Director, Cabinet and Parliamentary Liaison, from 1990 to 1991 and Director, United States Transboundary Division, from 1991 to 1992. Since 1992, Mr. Belliveau has served as Consul General in Shanghai. He is the first resident Canadian High Commissioner to Brunei and succeeds Mr. Gavin Stewart who is resident in Singapore.

**Denis Briand** (B.A. [Arts and Literature], Université du Sacre-Coeur, Bathurst, 1962; B.Ph., [Philosophy], Laval University, 1966; M.A.P., [Public Administration], École nationale d'administration publique, Quebec, 1978) joined the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in 1967 and served abroad in Zaire from 1971 to 1974, in Abidjan from 1981 to 1984 and in Dakar from 1986 to 1988. At CIDA Headquarters, Mr. Briand has held a number of positions including Director of the Area Co-ordination Group; Country Program Director for Central Africa; and Director General, Francophone Africa. Most recently, Mr. Briand has served as Director for the Aid Program in Dakar. Mr. Briand is the first Canadian Ambassador resident in the Republic of Guinea.

**Graham N. Green** (B.A. Honours [Journalism], Carleton University, 1981) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1981 and served abroad in Lusaka and with the Canadian Mission to the United Nations in New York. In Ottawa, he has worked in the areas of consular operations, Anglophone African relations, Eastern European relations and Political and Strategic Analysis. Since 1994, he has been the Charge d'affaires in Zagreb. Mr. Green is the first resident Canadian Ambassador to Croatia. He succeeds Mr. Rodney Irwin who is resident in Budapest.

**Louise Ouimet** (B.A. [Psychology], University of Ottawa, 1974) joined the Canadian International Development Agency in 1973 and served in Mali from 1989 to 1993 as Counsellor (Development) and Consul. At CIDA Headquarters, Ms. Ouimet has held a number of positions including Deputy Director, Programming, Professional Services, and Senior Development Officer for Morocco and Mali. She has also been responsible for the management of CIDA trainees and scholars as well as for United Nations training programs in Canada. Prior to taking up her assignment, Ms. Ouimet was Chief of Operations for Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. Ms. Ouimet

has two daughters and is married to Daniel Henry. She is the first resident Canadian Ambassador to Burkina-Faso.

**Wm. Brian Schumacher** (B.Sc. [Mechanical Engineering], University of Manitoba, 1964; M.B.A., University of Western Ontario, 1968; École Nationale d'Administration, Paris, 1978) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1968 following several years as a professional engineer in the petroleum industry. He served abroad as a Trade Commissioner in Detroit and Hamburg. From 1980 to 1984, he was Consul General in Rio de Janeiro and Ambassador to Korea from 1988 to 1991. In Ottawa, Mr. Schumacher has held a number of positions, including Director of Interchange Canada with the Public Service Commission of Canada from 1978 to 1979; Director of Operations, Trade Commissioner Service from 1979 to 1980 at the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce; Director General, Trade Development Policy, Planning and Liaison Bureau from 1984 to 1986 and Director General, Export Development Programs and Services from 1986 to 1988 at the Department of External Affairs and International Trade. Since 1991, Mr. Schumacher has held the position of Assistant Deputy Minister, International Business Development, and Chief Trade Commissioner. He and his wife Denise Boucher of Quebec City have two children. He succeeds Mr. Michael Berry.

**Nancy Stiles** (B.A. Honours [Economics], Queen's University, 1972) joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1972 and served abroad in The Hague, Havana, and London. From 1989 to 1992, she served as High Commissioner to Sri Lanka. In Ottawa, Ms. Stiles has held a number of positions including Deputy Director, Caribbean and Central America Division from 1980 to 1982, and Director for Central America, with the Canadian International Development Agency from 1985 to 1989. In 1992, she was named Executive Director, Task Force on Central and Eastern Europe, and later that year became Director General, Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe. Ms. Stiles succeeds Mr. William Dymond.

**Alan G. Virtue** (B.A. [Mathematics], 1966; B.Comm. [Marketing] 1966; M.B.A. [Marketing], 1971, University of Saskatchewan) joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1973 following several years in marketing with IBM Canada Ltd. He served abroad in Port of Spain, Philadelphia, and as Counsellor (Commercial) and Consul in Berne from 1986 to 1989. In Ottawa, Mr. Virtue has held a number of positions including Director, Aerospace, Marine and Defence Products Division, from 1989 to 1990; Co-ordinator, Trade Development Secretariat, from 1990 to 1991; Director, Trade Competitiveness Policy Division, from 1991 to 1993 and most recently as Director, Trade Commissioner Service Strategic Planning Division. Mr. Virtue is married to Elaine Eaton and the couple has two children. He succeeds Mr. Reginald Dorrett.

Christopher W. Westdal (B.A. [Political Science], St. John's College, Winnipeg, 1968; M.B.A. [Public Policy], University of Manitoba, 1970) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1973 after serving in Dar-es-Salaam with a University of Toronto Economic Advisory Team. He served abroad in New Delhi and, from 1982 to 1985, was High Commissioner to Bangladesh and Ambassador to Burma. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Westdal was Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa. In Ottawa, Mr. Westdal held the position of Regional Director, East Africa, with the Canadian International Development Agency and later was seconded to the Foreign Policy and Defence Secretariat of the Privy Council Office. From 1987 to 1991, he was Director General, International Organizations Bureau, Department of External Affairs, and in 1994, was named Ambassador for Disarmament. Mr. Westdal is married to Sheila Hayes. He succeeds Mr. François Mathys.