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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, today announced the appointment of Mr. Max H. Wershof as an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Wershof, who is at present Permanent Representative of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva, will return to Ottawa shortly. His appointment follows the designation of Mr. Evan W. T. Gill, at present an Assistant Under-Secretary, as High Commissioner for Canada to Australia.

Mr. Wershof's biography is attached.

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MAX HIRSCH WERSHOF, O.C.

Mr. Wershof was born in Ottawa on October 6, 1909. He received his education at the University of Alberta and after practising law in Alberta from 1932 to 1936, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1937. He served abroad in Washington and London, and in 1954 became Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Legal Adviser. Mr. Wershof was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations in 1956 and acted concurrently as Canadian member of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. He was elected vice-chairman of the Board in 1957-58.

Mr. Wershof is married and has one child.