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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Serge April, born in Quebec City, Quebec, as Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Mr. April (BA, Externat classique St-Jean Eudes, Quebec, 1964; LLL, Laval University, Quebec, 1967; called to the bar of Quebec, 1968; DES [Public Law], University of Ottawa, 1970; Academy of International Law, The Hague, 1972) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1968. In Ottawa, he has served as Director, Economic Law and Treaty Division; Senior Advisor for Federal-Provincial Relations; and, from 1989 to the present, Director General of the Bureau of Legal Affairs. Abroad, Mr. April has served in Rome, Havana, Paris (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) and, from 1985 to 1988, was Ambassador to Senegal. Mr. April is married to Suzanne Mercier and they have two children. He replaces Gaétan Lavertu.

J.E.G. (Ted) Gibson, from London, Ontario, as Consul General in Dallas.

Mr. Gibson (BA, University of Western Ontario, 1958; Post Graduate Studies, London School of Economics, 1962) joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1962. In Ottawa, he has served as Director General, Bureau of European Affairs (ITC); Director General, Office of Trade Development (Europe); Director General, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Products Bureau; Director General, Defence Programs and Advanced Technology Bureau; and most recently as Director General, International Marketing Bureau. Mr. Gibson has served abroad in Mexico, Canberra, Islamabad, Caracas, The Hague and, from 1983 to 1987, as Ambassador to Colombia

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with concurrent accreditation to Ecuador. He is married to Jayne Ennis MacGregor and they have three children. He replaces Carl Rufelds.

L. Ian MacDonald, born in Montreal, Quebec, as Minister (Public Affairs), Canadian Embassy, Washington.

Mr. MacDonald, (BA [Honours Political Science], Concordia University) joined the *Montreal Gazette* in 1969 and served as its radio/television columnist, and later as city columnist, before becoming political columnist from 1977 to 1985. From 1977 to 1980 he was also the host of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) current affairs series, "Quebec Report." From 1985 to 1989, Mr. MacDonald was a consultant to the Privy Council and principal speechwriter to the Prime Minister. In 1989, he returned to journalism as National Affairs columnist for the *Montreal Daily News*. Since 1990, Mr. MacDonald has been a communications consultant. He is married to Lisa Van Dusen and they have one daughter.

Robert B. Mackenzie, born in St. Catherines, Ontario, as Consul General in Buffalo.

Mr. Mackenzie (BA [Honours], University of Western Ontario, 1971; MBA, University of Western Ontario, 1973) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1973 and served abroad in San Juan, Chicago and Prague. In Ottawa, Mr. Mackenzie has served as Deputy Director, Eastern Europe Division, from 1984 to 1986, and as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister, International Trade. Since 1988, he has been Counsellor (Commercial/Economic) and Canada's Alternate Director to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London. He is married to Sandi Berlo and they have four children. Mr. Mackenzie replaces George Musgrove.

François A. Mathys, born in Timmins, Ontario, as Ambassador to Ukraine.

Mr. Mathys (BA, Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf, Montreal, 1960; LL, University of Montreal, 1965; admitted to the bar of Quebec, 1966; Institut Universitaire des Hautes Études Internationales, Geneva, 1967) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. In Ottawa, he has served as Director, Legal Advisory Division; Senior Departmental Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs; Director General, Legal Affairs Bureau; and, from 1989 to the present, as Ambassador and Canadian Agent, Canada-France Maritime Boundary Arbitration. Mr. Mathys has served abroad in New York, Moscow (twice) and at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels, where from 1983 to 1986

he was Deputy Permanent Representative. Mr. Mathys is married to Elaine de Lorimier and they have three children. Canada has been represented in Ukraine by Nestor Gayowski, first as Consul General and, following the establishment of diplomatic relations with Ukraine on January 27, 1992, as Chargé d'Affaires. Mr. Mathys is Canada's first Ambassador to Ukraine.

Benno T. Pflanz, from Calgary, Alberta, as High Commissioner to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Maldives.

Mr. Pflanz (BA [Economics], University of Alberta, 1963) joined the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) in 1964 and has served abroad in Munich, Stuttgart, Milan, Tokyo, Seoul, Nairobi and Manila. In Ottawa, Mr. Pflanz has served as Director, Recruitment and Selection (CEIC), and at the Department of External Affairs as Director, Social Affairs/Development Assistance Personnel Division and Director, Asia and Pacific Programs Division. From 1988 to the present, Mr. Pflanz has been Director General, Personnel Administration Bureau. He is married to Constance May Wilcock and they have four children. Mr. Pflanz replaces Nancy Stiles.

Gavin H. Stewart, born in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Singapore with concurrent accreditation to Brunei.

Mr. Stewart (BA, University of Manitoba, 1963) joined the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) in 1963 and served abroad in Manila, San Francisco, Tokyo, London, New Delhi and, from 1983 to 1987, as Minister-Counsellor (Immigration) in London. In Ottawa, Mr. Stewart has served with CEIC as Director, Asia and Pacific Bureau and as part of the Working Group on the Realignment of the CEIC Immigration Branch and Formation of the Refugee Status Advisory Committee; Director of Resource Management with CEIC/Department of External Affairs (DEA); and Director, Immigration Operations (DEA). From 1987 to 1990, Mr. Stewart served as Director General, Consular and Immigration Affairs Bureau at External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC) and since 1990, as Assistant Deputy Minister, Consular, Immigration and Passport Affairs Branch (EAITC). He is married to Barbara Carr and they have two children. Mr. Stewart replaces Bernard Gagosz.

Donald T. Wismer, born in Edmonton, Alberta, as Consul General in Cleveland.

Mr. Wismer (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1962; BA [Economics], University of Alberta, 1965) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1966. He has served abroad in Rome, Milan, New York, Prague, Belgrade, Athens and Madrid. From 1983 to 1985, Mr. Wismer was the Director of Trade and Tourism, Vancouver Regional Office (Department of Regional Industrial Expansion) and in Ottawa, from 1989 to the present, he has served as Director, Western Europe Trade, Investment and Technology Division. Mr. Wismer is married to Margit and they have four children. He replaces Lawrence Lederman.

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