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QUELLET NAMES AMBASSADOR FOR THE QUÉBEC 2002 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BID

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the appointment of Arthur C. Perron as Ambassador of Canada in support of Québec's bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

"We know it will be a tough fight, but Québec City has a strong bid which will be greatly enhanced by Ambassador Perron's expertise and years of international experience. Québec City is an ideal location for the Games, and all Canadians will be proud to have the Olympic Winter Games once again in our country," said Mr. Ouellet.

Ambassador Perron is a career diplomat who has been with the Department of Foreign Affairs since 1968. He has served in Paris, Algiers, Manila, Sydney and most recently as Ambassador in Bangkok. His appointment is another demonstration of the federal government's support for Québec City's bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

On behalf of Michel Dupuy, Minister for Canadian Heritage and responsible for Sports Canada, Mr. Ouellet also announced that \$1.7 million is being provided as the second instalment of the \$2.5 million federal government commitment to support Québec City in the bidding process.

Funding for this program was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

A short biographical note on Mr. Perron follows.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Arthur C. Perron was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. Perron (BComm, Université Laval, 1966; MComm [Business Administration], Université Laval, 1967) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in June 1968. He has served abroad in Paris, Algiers, Manila and Sydney, and most recently as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand with concurrent accreditation to the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. In Ottawa, he has worked as Deputy Chief of the Africa and Middle East Division, Deputy Director of the Assignments Division, Director of the Personnel Division, Director General of the Personnel Operations Bureau, and Director General of the Asia Pacific North Bureau. Mr. Perron is married to Nicole Rousseau and they have two children.