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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

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

Mr. J. Denis Bélisle, born in Drummondville (Quebec), as Ambassador to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Niger.

Mr. Bélisle (BComm, University of Sherbrooke, 1963; MComm, University of Sherbrooke, 1964; Post-Graduate Studies, Graduate Institute of International Affairs, Geneva, 1966) joined the Federal Government in 1966. He has worked abroad as Second Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. He has worked as a co-ordinator for EXPO 67 and as Executive Vice-President and Director of Canadian Pacific Consulting Services Ltd. Since March 1988, he has been the Vice President, Business Co-operation Branch at the Canadian International Development Agency. Mr. Bélisle is married to Micheline Labrecque and they have two children. Mr. Bélisle replaces Mr. Jean-Guy Saint-Martin.

Mrs. Marie Bernard-Meunier, born in Noranda (Quebec), as Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to the Permanent Delegation of Canada to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris.

Mrs. Bernard-Meunier (BA, University of Montreal, 1967; BSc [Political Science], University of Montreal; MSc [Political Science], University of Montreal, 1973) joined the Department of External Affairs in June 1972. In Ottawa, she has worked in the United Nations and Economic Divisions. She has served abroad in New York, Bonn and Vienna. Since September 1987, she has been the Deputy Permanent Delegate and Minister-Counsellor to the Permanent Delegation of Canada to UNESCO in Paris. Mrs. Bernard-Meunier is married to Pierre Bernard and they have one child. Mrs. Bernard-Meunier replaces Mr. Jean Drapeau.

Mr. Louis A. Delvoie, born in Paris (France), as High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Mr. Delvoie (BA [History and Philosophy], Loyola College, 1960; MA [History], University of Toronto, 1962; Post-Graduate Studies, McGill University, 1964) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1965. He has served abroad in Cairo, Brussels, as Ambassador to Algeria and as Deputy High Commissioner in London. In Ottawa, he has served as Special Advisor, Office of Deputy Minister and as Director General, Bureau of International Security and Arms Control. Since 1989, he has been the Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy), Department of National Defence. Mr. Delvoie is married to Frances R. Morey and they have one child. Mr. Delvoie replaces Mr. Manfred G. von Nostitz.

Mr. Maurice Dionne, born in Quebec City (Quebec), as Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic.

Mr. Dionne (BA [Communications], Laval University) joined Agriculture Canada in 1965. He has served abroad in Rome (Food and Agriculture Organization), Bangui and Dakar. He has worked as Director, Economic Co-operation and Development at the International Fund for University Co-operation in Montreal. Since 1984, he has been the Chargé de Missions for External Relations, Director of Special Projects and Director of Administration at the Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique in Paris. Mr. Dionne is married to Suzanne Veilleux and they have two children. Mr. Dionne replaces Mr. Jean Nadeau.

Miss Anne Marie Doyle, born in Toronto (Ontario), as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Permanent Delegation of Canada to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.

Miss Doyle (BA, University of Toronto, 1967) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. She has served abroad in Nairobi, Brussels, Paris and as Commissioner in Hong Kong. In Ottawa, she has worked as Director of International Finance and Development Division and as Director, International Economic Relations Division in the Department of Finance. She was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Foreign and Defence Policy, Privy Council Office in 1989. Miss Doyle replaces Mr. L. Michael Berry.

Mr. William M.M. Fairweather, born in New Westminster (British Columbia), as Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Romania.

Mr. Fairweather (BA [History], University of British Columbia, 1964; MA [History], Harvard University, 1969) joined the

Department of External Affairs in June 1969. He has served abroad in Belgrade, Helsinki, Geneva, Ankara and as Counsellor and Consul in Warsaw. In Ottawa, he has worked in the United States Division of External Affairs and International Trade Canada and in the Privy Council. He has been the Director, U.S.S.R. and Eastern European Relations Division at External Affairs and International Trade Canada since 1988. Mr. Fairweather replaces Mr. Saul Grey.

Mr. K.R. Higham, born in Edmonton (Alberta), as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Mr. Higham (BComm [Economics], University of Alberta, 1964) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in July 1965. He has served abroad in Accra, Liverpool, Boston, Bangkok, as Counsellor and Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, and as Counsellor at the Mission of Canada to the European Communities in Brussels. In Ottawa, he has worked as Chief of Marketing and Operations, U.S. Division and as Director General, International Trade Policy at Agriculture Canada. Since September 1989, he has been Director General of the Personnel Operations Bureau at External Affairs and International Trade Canada. Mr. Higham is married to Marie Louise Côté and they have three children. Mr. Higham replaces Mr. Wilfrid-Guy Licari.

Mr. Maurice J. Hladik, born in Wetaskiwin (Alberta), as Consul General in Munich, Germany.

Mr. Hladik (BSc [Agricultural Economics], University of Alberta, 1966; MSc [Economics], University of British Columbia, 1968) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1968. He has served abroad in Wellington, Bonn, Dusseldorf, Bangkok, Hong Kong and as Minister (Commercial) in Beijing. In Ottawa, he has served as Director of the Asia Industrial Co-operation Division at the Canadian International Development Agency and as Acting Director of the Trade Commissioner Service. In June 1990, he was appointed Director General, Grain Marketing Bureau at Agriculture Canada. Mr. Hladik is married to Angela Hladik and they have five children. Mr. Hladik replaces Mr. George E.B. Blackstock.

Ms. Margaret Huber, born in Germany, as Consul General in Osaka, Japan.

Ms. Huber (BA [Honours], McGill University, 1970; MA, University of Ottawa, 1973; Advanced Management Program, Harvard Business School, 1991) joined the Foreign Service in 1973. She has served abroad in Manila, Yokohama, Tokyo and as Counsellor (Trade Policy) at the Mission of Canada to the European Communities in

Brussels. In Ottawa, she has worked in the Japan Trade Division, U.S. Economic and Trade Relations Division and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Division at External Affairs and International Trade Canada. From 1988 to 1991, she was Director of the European Community Trade Policy Division in the Department. Ms. Huber replaces Mr. Michael C. Spencer.

Mr. Luc Lavoie, born in Rimouski (Quebec), as Commissioner General of Canada for EXPO 92 in Seville.

Mr. Lavoie was Deputy Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister for the past year. Prior to that he was Director of Tour and Special Events in the Prime Minister's office. A former journalist, Mr. Lavoie served in the Parliamentary Press Gallery from 1976 to 1986 as national correspondent for the TVA television network, and served two terms as President of the Gallery. He joined the government in 1986, as Senior Advisor and later Chief of Staff to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In January 1988, he was appointed Senior Communications Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office. From April to September 1988, he was seconded to the Office of the Secretary of State, as Acting Chief of Staff.

Mr. Allan S. Poole, born in Montreal (Quebec), as Consul General in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Mr. Poole (BSc [Engineering], Queen's University, 1967; MBA, McGill University, 1971) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in July 1971. He has served abroad in Belgrade, Bonn, Chicago and as Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner at Seattle. In Ottawa, he has served as Deputy Director, Western Europe Trade Development Division. Since September 1988, he has been the Director of the Science and Technology Division. Mr. Poole is married to June Poole and they have three children. Mr. Poole replaces Mr. Dennis S.M. Baker.

Mr. Christopher W. Westdal, born in Winnipeg (Manitoba), as Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Mr. Westdal (BA [Political Science], St. John's College, Winnipeg, 1968; MBA [Public Policy], University of Manitoba, 1970) joined the Federal Government in 1973. He has served abroad in Dar es Salaam, New Delhi and as High Commissioner to Bangladesh and Ambassador to Burma. In Ottawa, he has served as Regional Director, East Africa (Canadian International Development Agency) and in the Foreign Policy and Defence Secretariat, Privy Council Office. In September 1987, he was appointed Director General, International Organizations Bureau.

Mr. Westdal has two children. Mr. Westdal replaces Mr. Ronald S. MacLean.

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