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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. Brian Buckley, born in Montréal (Québec), as Consul General in Minneapolis.

Mr. Buckley [B.A., University of Montreal, 1961; B.Ed., University of Montreal (St. Joseph's College), 1962; M.A., Carleton University, 1965] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. He has served abroad in Beirut, Madrid and Vienna. He was the Deputy Permanent Representative at the Canadian Mission in Vienna from 1982 to 1986. In Ottawa, he worked in the Africa and Middle East Division, in the Personnel Division and in the Privy Council Office. He was Foreign Operations Coordinator and Secretary to the Senior Management Committee from 1980 to 1982 and has been Director, Transboundary Division, U.S. Relations Bureau since 1986. He is married to the former Mary Ann Carlon. They have two daughters and two sons. Mr. Buckley replaces Mr. John Blackwood.

Mr. Roger A. Bull, born in New York, as Consul General in Seattle.

Mr. Bull [B.A. Honours (History), University of Toronto, 1954; Political Science and Economics, Oxford University, 1954-1957; Russian Language Training, 1967-1968] joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1957. In Ottawa, he worked in Trade Commissioner Service (Administration); at the Treasury Board and in the Commercial Policy Division of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In the Department of External Affairs, he was Director, Commercial Policy Division from 1971 to 1974; Chief Inspector, Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations Inspection Service, from 1979 to 1981; Assistant Under-Secretary, Office of Trade Development, U.S.A. Bureau from 1981 to 1983; and Coordinator, Davos Task Force, in 1983 and 1984. He has served abroad in Detroit, Leopoldville, Bogota, Moscow and Dublin. He was Minister (Economic/Commercial) in Rome from 1974 to 1978, and High Commissioner to the Republic of Zimbabwe from 1984 to 1989. Mr. Bull replaces Mr. Ian Wood.

Mr. James Elliott, born in London (Ontario), as Consul General in Atlanta.

Mr. Elliott [B.A. (Hon. Economics), University of Western Ontario, 1959] joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1960. In Ottawa, he was Chief, Latin America Division from 1973 to 1976 and Director General, Bureau of Latin America and Caribbean Affairs in 1981-1982 in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In the Department of External Affairs, he was Assistant Under-Secretary, Latin America and Caribbean (Trade Development) in 1982-1983. He has served abroad in Karachi, Düsseldorf, Paris, Bogota, Caracas and Chicago. He was Consul General in Düsseldorf from 1983 to 1987, and has been Deputy Consul General in Los Angeles since 1987. Mr. Elliott is married to the former Margaret Barth and they have one daughter and two sons. Mr. Elliott replaces Mr. Geoffrey Elliot.

Mr. Paul André Lapointe, born in Québec (Québec), as Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Mr. Lapointe [B.A., Séminaire de Québec, 1954; M.A., Law, Université Laval, 1957; admitted to the Québec Bar, 1958] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1960. has held various positions abroad, namely in Vietnam-Laos (International Commission of Supervision and Control in Indo-China), Paris, Geneva and New Delhi. He has been Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, in New York from 1976 to 1979; Deputy High Commissioner in London from 1981 to 1985; and Consul General in Marseille from 1985 to 1987. he has worked in the Consular Affairs, Protocol and Commonwealth Divisions. He was Coordinator for the Law of the Sea, Legal Operations, from 1972 to 1975; Director General, United Nations Affairs, from 1979 to 1981; and Senior Negotiator, Canada-France Maritime Affairs, from 1987 to Since October 1989 he has been Acting Director General, Coordination Office. He is married to Iris Donati and they have one daughter. Mr. Lapointe replaces Mr. Terrence B. Sheehan.