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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. Jacques Asselin, 48, originally from Montreal, to be Ambassador to Senegal. Mr. Asselin (B.A. University of Ottawa, M.A. University of Montreal) joined External Affairs in 1957 and has served abroad in Mexico, Washington, Moscow and Paris. He served as Executive Assistant to the Commissioner-General of Expo '67 from 1963-67 and, since 1975, has been Director of the Cultural Affairs Division.

Mr. Asselin is married and has two children.

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Mr. John Alan Beesley, 49, originally from Smithers, B.C., to be High Commissioner to Australia.

Mr. Beesley (B.A., LL.B. University of British Columbia) joined External Affairs in 1956 and has served abroad in Tel Aviv, Geneva and Vienna, where he was Ambassador to Austria and Permanent Representative to UNIDO and the IAEA from 1973 to 1976. Since 1976, he has been Assistant Under-Secretary and Legal Advisor in the Department of External Affairs. In 1974 he was appointed Deputy Head of the Canadian Delegation to the Law of the Sea Conference. Mr. Beesley will remain as Canada's Delegate to the Law of the Sea Conference and will be able to continue to exercise his functions as Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Law of the Sea Conference.

Mr. Beesley is married and has two children.

Mr. André Couvrette, 43, originally from Montreal, to be Ambassador to Lebanon. Mr. Couvrette (B.A. Jean-de-Brébeuf, LL.L. University of Montreal) joined External Affairs in 1957 and has served abroad in Rome, Lagos and Paris. In 1974 he was appointed Ambassador to Senegal and concurrently to Cape Verde Islands, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and High Commissioner to Gambia.

Mr. Couvrette is married and has four children.

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Mr. Gary R. Harman, 48, originally from Winnipeg, to be Ambassador to Cuba. Mr. Harman (B.A. Hons. University of Manitoba) joined External Affairs in 1953 and has served abroad in New York, Prague, Washington, Moscow, and Cairo. Since 1975 he has served as Director General of the Bureau of Personnel.

Mr. Harman is married and has three children.

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Mr. Peter A.E. Johnston, 55, originally from Toronto, to be Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. Mr. Johnston (B.A. Hons. University of Toronto) joined External Affairs in 1957 and has served abroad in London, Dar-es-Salaam and Tokyo. In 1974, he was appointed Ambassador to Indonesia.

Mr. Johnston is married and has four children.

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Mr. Keith W. MacLellan, 56, originally from Montreal, Quebec to be Ambassador to Yugoslavia and concurrently to Bulgaria. Mr. MacLellan (M.A. Oxford

University) joined External Affairs in 1952 and has served abroad in Berne, Los Angeles, Rome, London, and Brussels. He served as Commissioner of the Canadian Delegation of the International Supervisory and Control Commission in Laos and, in 1974, was appointed Ambassador to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Mr. MacLellan is married and has four children.

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Mr. Daniel Molgat, 42, originally from Sainte-Rose du Lac, Manitoba, to be Ambassador to Portugal. Mr. Molgat (B. Com. University of Manitoba, M.A. Oxford University, Diplôme, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris) joined External Affairs in 1959 and has served abroad in Hong Kong, Rawalpindi, Islamabad, and Washington. Since 1975 he has served as Director of the Western European Division.

Mr. Molgat is married and has three children.

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Mr. Robert Louis Rogers, 57, originally from Toronto, to be High Commissioner to India and concurrently Ambassador to Nepal. Mr. Rogers (B.A. University of Toronto) joined External Affairs in 1946 and has served abroad in Washington, Tokyo, London and Brussels. He served as Ambassador to Israel from 1965-69 and as Ambassador to Yugoslavia and concurrently to Bulgaria and Romania from 1972-74. Since 1974 he has served as Director General of the Bureau of Asian and Pacific Affairs.

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Mr. Gerald E. Shannon, 42, of Ottawa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Mr. Shannon (B.J. Carleton University) joined External Affairs in 1963 and has served abroad in Washington and Belgrade. Since 1974 he has served as Director of the Commercial Policy Division.

Mr. Shannon is married and has two children.

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Mr. Glen S. Shortliffe, 39, originally from Edmonton, Alberta, to be Ambassador to Indonesia. Mr. Shortliffe (B.A. Hons. University of Alberta) joined External Affairs in 1962 and has served abroad in Bogota, Kuala Lumpur and San Juan. He served as Special Assistant (Communications) to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and, in 1976, was made Director of the Security Services Division.

Mr. Shortliffe is married and has two children.

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Mr. William F. Stone, 54, originally from Athens, Ontario, to be Ambassador to Pakistan. Mr. Stone (B.A. Queen's University) joined External Affairs in 1949 and has served abroad in Bonn, Geneva and Washington. In 1974 he returned to Geneva as Deputy Permanent Representative and Minister at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Office of the United Nations, and to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.

Mr. Stone is married and has four children.