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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall announces the following appointments:

Donald W. Cameron, born in Egerton, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, as Consul General in Boston;

Reginald H. Dorrett, born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, as Consul General in Sydney;

Réjean Frenette, born in Quebec City, Quebec, as High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Stephen Heeney, born in Toronto, Ontario, as Ambassador to the Republic of Philippines.

Kathryn Hewlett-Jobes, born in Red Deer, Alberta, as High Commissioner to Jamaica with concurrent accreditation to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas;

Rodney Irwin, born in Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Slovenia.

Anne Leahy, born in Quebec City, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Jon J. Scott, born in Hamilton, Ontario, as High Commissioner to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Peter Sutherland, born in Ottawa, Ontario, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and

Lillian Thomsen, born in Orillia, Ontario, as Consul General in St. Petersburg.

Biographical information on the appointees is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Donald W. Cameron (Nova Scotia Agricultural College; BSc, McGill University, 1968) established a family dairy business in 1970, which he managed until 1983. He was first elected to the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1974 as the Member for Pictou East, and was re-elected in 1978, 1981, 1984, 1988 and 1993. Mr. Cameron was Minister of Fisheries and Recreation from 1978 to 1980, and in 1988 he was appointed Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, Minister responsible for the Administration of the Nova Scotia Research Foundation Corporation Act and Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on Applied Science and Technology. He was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia in 1991 and was Premier of Nova Scotia from 1991 to 1993. Mr. Cameron is married to Rosemary Simpson from Quebec City and has three children. He replaces the Honourable Thomas M. McMillan.

Reginald H. Dorrett (BA [Science and Economics], University of Saskatoon, 1953; Degree in Public Administration, Regina College, 1957; Degree in Business Administration, Regina College, 1958) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1964 and served abroad from 1970 to 1978 as Trade Commissioner in Düsseldorf, Jakarta and Tokyo. From 1983 to 1986 he was Ambassador to the Philippines, and from 1986 to 1988 he served as Ambassador to Korea. In Ottawa Mr. Dorrett held the positions of Director of Operations, Trade Commissioner Service, in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Secretary to the Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations. In 1981 he became Director General, International Marketing Policy Group, and in 1982 he was named Assistant Under-Secretary of State, International Marketing Policy, Planning and Evaluation, at the Department of External Affairs. From 1988 to 1991 Mr. Dorrett was Assistant Deputy Minister, International Trade Development, and Chief Trade Commissioner. Since 1991 he has served as Consul General in Los Angeles. He is married to Isabelle Jean McMillan and has three children.

Réjean Frenette (BA, University of Montreal, 1963; BSc [Political Science], University of Montreal, 1965; MA [Industrial Relations], University of Montreal, 1967) joined the Foreign Service at the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1967. He served abroad in Bonn, Washington, Tehran, Kuala Lumpur and Paris, where from 1988 to 1992 he was Minister-Counsellor (Commercial/Economic). Most recently Mr. Frenette was Ambassador to Zaire. In Ottawa he held the positions of Deputy Director, Human Resources Planning, Trade Commissioner Service, and from 1986 to 1988 Director of the Asia Pacific South Trade Development Division at External Affairs and International Trade Canada. Mr. Frenette is married to Charlotte Dallaire and has two children. He replaces Nicholas Hare.

Stephen Heeney (BA Honours, McGill University, 1962; Postgraduate Studies, St. John's College, Oxford, 1964; Policy Studies, Queen's University, 1969) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1964 and served abroad in Dar-es-Salaam, Saigon and Tokyo, and from 1976 to 1981 as Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris. In 1986, he returned to Tokyo as Minister and since 1991 has been a Senior Advisor with the Asia-Pacific Foundation in support of the Canada-Japan Forum 2000 initiative. His most recent Ottawa assignment was as Director General, Energy, Resource Policy and Environment from 1984 to 1986. Mr. Heeney replaces André Simard.

Kathryn Hewlett-Jobes (BA [Economics], University of Calgary, 1973) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1973. She has served abroad in Berne, Buenos Aires, Manila and from 1986 to 1989 as Senior Trade Commissioner in Copenhagen. From 1981 to 1983 Mrs. Hewlett-Jobes was Assistant Trade Manager, Trade Services, with the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto. In Ottawa she has served as Deputy Director, Western Europe Trade, Investment and Technology Division, and Director, Executive Pool/Heads of Mission Personnel Division. She has most recently served as Director, Personnel Policy and Planning Secretariat. She is married to Claus Jobes and has two children. She replaces Jennifer McQueen.

Rodney Irwin (BA Honours, University of British Columbia, 1969; MA [English], University of British Columbia, 1971) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1971 and served abroad in New York, New Delhi and Moscow. From 1988 to 1990, he served as High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago. In Ottawa, Mr. Irwin held the positions of Director, Political/Economic Personnel Division from 1983 to 1985; Director General, Corporate Management from 1985 to 1988; and Director General, U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe from 1990 to 1992. He is married to Penelope Hawkins and the couple have three children. He replaces Derek Fraser.

Anne Leahy (BA Honours, Queen's University, 1972; MA [Economics], University of Toronto, 1973) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1973 and served abroad with the Commission of European Communities in Brussels, in Moscow, in Paris as Counsellor with the Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and, from 1989 to 1992, as Ambassador to Cameroon, Chad and the Central African Republic. In Ottawa, Ms. Leahy has most recently held the position of Director General of Policy Planning. Ms. Leahy replaces Peter Hancock.

Jon J. Scott (University of Toronto; Australian National University) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966 and served abroad in Tunis, Caracas, and Bonn. From 1981 to 1984, he served in Jakarta as Counsellor and Head of Chancery and, from 1986 to 1990, in Canberra as Deputy High Commissioner. In Ottawa, Mr. Scott has held the positions of Deputy Director, Trade Policy; Director for Liaison, Ottawa Summit in 1981; Director, Federal-Provincial Co-ordination; and most recently as Director, Asia Pacific South Relations. He is married to Carolyn Gurlette and they have two children. Mr. Scott replaces Émile Gauvreau.

Peter Sutherland (BA, Honours, Political Science and Economics, University of Toronto, 1965; LLB, University of Toronto, 1969; MSc [Administration, International Business and Finance] George Washington University, 1977), joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1971 and served abroad in New York, Abidjan, Washington, Budapest and from 1986 to 1989 as Minister-Counsellor in Riyadh. In Ottawa Mr. Sutherland has held the positions of Director, Crown Investments, with the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion; Senior Director, Special Trade Relations Office; Director, International Financial and Investment Affairs; and Director, Export Finance and Capital Projects. Since 1989 he has served as Director General, International Trade Policy, with Agriculture Canada. Mr. Sutherland is married to Jo-Lynne Howard and has three children. He replaces Alan Lever.

Lillian Thomsen (BA Honours [History and Economics], University of Toronto, 1978), joined the Department of External Affairs in 1978 and served abroad in Warsaw, New York and, since 1991, as Counsellor and Consul in Moscow. In Ottawa from 1978 to 1979 she worked in the field of arms control and disarmament and from 1981 to 1983 served in the Eastern Europe Relations Division. From 1983 to 1985 she served in the International Economic Relations Division and joined the Political/Economic Personnel Division in 1985. Ms. Thomsen is Canada's first Consul General in St. Petersburg.