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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

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

Mr. Claude Talbot Charland (51) born in Québec City, Québec, as Ambassador to Italy with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to Malta.

Mr. Charland (B.A., University of Montréal, 1954; B.C.L., McGill University, 1957) joined the former Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1957. He has served abroad in New Orleans, Lagos, Sao Paulo, Brussels, and Paris, before becoming Assistant Deputy Minister, Export Development, in 1973. In 1977, his title was changed to Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Commissioner Service and International Marketing. In 1979, Mr. Charland was appointed as Ambassador to Mexico. He returned to Ottawa in 1982 to the Department of External Affairs as Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Development, and, in 1983, became Assistant Deputy Minister, Latin America and Caribbean. He replaces Mr. J.E.G. Hardy who has returned to Canada.

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Mr. J.G. André Couvrette (51) born in Montréal, Québec, as Ambassador to Greece.

Mr. Couvrette (B.A., College Jean-de-Brébeuf, 1952; LL.L., University of Montréal, 1955; International Relations, Graduate School, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., 1955) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1957. He has served abroad in Rome, Lagos, and Paris. Mr. Couvrette was appointed Ambassador to Senegal in 1974, Ambassador to Lebanon in 1977, and Ambassador to Sweden in 1981. In Ottawa he served as Acting Director, Cultural Affairs; Director, Africa Affairs II; Director, Middle East Affairs; Chief of Protocol; Assistant Under-Secretary; and is now the Deputy Co-ordinator in the Office of the Canadian Emergency Co-ordinator: African Famine. He replaces Mr. J. Touchette who has returned to Canada.

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Ms. Louise Fréchette (38) born in Montréal, Québec, as Ambassador to Argentina with concurrent accreditation to Paraguay and Uruguay.

Ms. Fréchette [B.A., Basile-Moreau College, 1966; L.L. (History), University of Montréal, 1970; Certificate of European Studies (Economics), College of Europe, 1978], joined the Department of External Affairs in 1971. She has served abroad in Athens and at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva. In 1982, she was appointed Deputy Director, Commercial Policy Division, and, in 1983, Director, Western Europe I Relations Division. She replaces Mr. L.S. Clark who has returned to Canada.

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Mr. A.L. (Tony) Halliday (49), born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as Consul General in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Halliday [B.A. (Honours), Lincoln College, Oxford] served with the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland from 1958 to 1962. From 1962 to 1968, he was a member of staff of the GATT Secretariat in Geneva. In 1968, he joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and served in the Department's Office of General Relations. He served as Minister Counsellor (Commercial) in the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., from 1976 to 1979. On his return to Ottawa, Mr. Halliday was Director General of the Bureau of Pacific and Asian Affairs and later Director General of the Office of Trade Relations with OECD Countries in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Following the Government's re-organization in 1982, he was named Assistant Under-Secretary, Office of United States Trade Relations in the Department of External Affairs. From 1983, he has been Co-ordinator and, more recently, Special Advisor on Canada-USA Sectoral Studies. He replaces Mr. R.H. Gayner who has returned to Canada.

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Mrs. Joan Price Winser (59) born in Québec City, Québec, as Consul General in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Winser (who received her education in Québec City and at Compton, Québec) has been active in civic and community affairs in Québec and Montréal. She has served on Boards of Directors of the King's Hall, Compton, from 1965 to 1972, also holding the position of Chairman of the Executive Committee from 1968 to 1972; the Montréal Women's Canadian Club from 1969 to 1974; Bishop's College School, Lennoxville, from 1972 to 1975, including the Executive Committee. She is a Member of Alliance Québec, the Advisory Board of the Montréal Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Building Fund Campaign and the Board of Directors, National Ballet School. She replaces Mr. J.S. Nutt who has retired.