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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Marie-Andrée Beauchemin, currently Consul General in Milan, as High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Dennis B. Browne, most recently Director General, Trade Competitiveness Bureau, External Affairs and International Trade Canada, as Consul General in Los Angeles.

Robert G. Clark, currently Deputy Co-ordinator, North American Free Trade Agreement, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Jacques Demers, currently Director, Consular Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris.

Robert Déry, currently Director, Western Europe Trade, Investment and Technology Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Consul General in Minneapolis.

Louise Charron Fortin, currently Director, Asia Pacific South Trade Development Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic.

Jean-Paul Hubert, currently Senior Advisor on Commonwealth, la Francophonie and Inter-American Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Garrett C.M. Lambert, currently Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Commissioner to Hong Kong.

Barry M. Mawhinney, currently Assistant Deputy Minister, Legal and Consular Affairs Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to Ireland.

Ian McLean, currently Director General, United States Relations Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Consul General in Milan.

Allan Stewart, currently Director General, United States Trade, Tourism and Investment Development Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Consul General in Atlanta.

Colleen Swords, currently Director, Economic Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as High Commissioner to Barbados with concurrent accreditation to the Commonwealth of Dominica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Donald T. Wismer, currently Ombudsman, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Consul General in Detroit.

David Wright, currently Assistant Deputy Minister for Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain.

Rob Wright, currently Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, as High Commissioner to New Zealand.

Biographical information is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Marie-Andrée Beauchemin (B.A., Honours [Political Science], Marianapolis College, University of Montreal, 1966), born in Montreal, Quebec, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1978 as Director, Personnel Policy and Official Languages. She served as Director, Personnel Operations Division from 1979 to 1982; Director General Consular Affairs from 1982 to 1983; and Director General Corporate Management Bureau from 1983 to 1985. From 1985 to 1988 she was Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications and Culture Branch. Mrs. Beauchemin has served as Consul General in Milan since 1988. She replaces Louis A. Delvoie who is returning to Canada.

Dennis B. Browne (B.Com., University of British Columbia, 1964; LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1965; LL.M., University of Ottawa, 1994) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1965. He served abroad in Oslo, London, Canberra, Moscow, Washington and, from 1988 to 1991, in Stockholm, as Ambassador to Sweden. In Ottawa, with the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, he was Chief of Commodity Arrangements from 1977 to 1979; and Director of Commodity Trade Policy from 1981 to 1982. He joined the Department of External Affairs as Director, Commodities and Resource Industries Division in 1982 and served as Director General, Agriculture, Fish and Food Products Bureau from 1973 to 1987. He has served most recently as Director General, Trade Competitiveness Bureau. Mr. Browne is married to Norma Browne and they have two daughters.

Robert G. Clark (B.A., Honours, University of Toronto), born in Toronto, Ontario, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1972, after several years in the private sector, and served abroad in Washington, Bogota and Mexico. In Ottawa, he held the positions of Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs; Director, Economic and Trade Analysis Division; Director, United States Trade and Economic Relations Division and Chairman of the Task Force on Free Trade. He also served as Deputy Chief Negotiator, North American Free Trade Negotiations, and is currently Deputy Co-ordinator, North American Free Trade Agreement, with the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Clark is married to Donna Lynn Clark (née McIver) and they have three children — Adam, Vanessa and David. He succeeds Robert Rochon who is returning to Canada.

Jacques Demers (B.A., Université de Montréal, 1961; B.Ed., Université de Sherbrooke, 1964; LL.L., Université de Sherbrooke, 1966; C.S.E., École Nationale d'Administration, Paris, 1973; Brevet d'enseignement "A", 1964; Barreau du Québec, 1967), born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967 and served abroad in Vientiane, in Saigon, and as counsellor in Paris, Madrid and in Mexico. In Ottawa, he was seconded to the Department of Justice as special assistant to the Minister;

subsequently, in External Affairs, he held the positions of Director, International Cultural Relations and most recently, Director, Consular Policy. He succeeds Marie Bernard-Meunier who returned to Canada in November 1993.

Robert Déry (B.A. [Finances], Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, 1971), born in Métabetchouan, Quebec, joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1971 and served abroad in Melbourne, Chicago, and Santiago. In Ottawa, he has held the positions of Director, Commercial/Economic Personnel Division; Director, Asia Pacific South Trade Development Division; and most recently, Director, Western Europe Trade Development, Investment and Technology Division. He is married to Lorraine Déry and they have two children. Mr. Déry succeeds Brian Buckley who is returning to Canada.

Louise Charron Fortin (B.A., University of Ottawa, 1968; M.Ed. [Administration], University of Ottawa, 1970), born in Hull, Quebec, joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1971. She held various positions in Personnel until 1981 and subsequently joined the Trade Commissioner Service as Head, North African Section at the Department of External Affairs. Since that time, Mrs. Fortin has held the positions of Deputy Director, Africa Trade Development Division; Deputy Director, Trade Development Liaison Division; Director, International Trade Centres and Regional Operations; and, most recently, Director, Asia Pacific South Trade Division, at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In 1990-91, she completed the Canadian National Defence College program. Mrs. Fortin is married to Jean-Claude Fortin and they have one daughter. She succeeds Maurice Dionne who is returning to Canada.

Jean-Paul Hubert (B.A., *Magna cum Laude*, Université Laval, 1963; B.C.L., [Law], McGill University, 1966; M.I.A. [International Affairs], Columbia University 1969; Certificate of Studies in Latin American Affairs, Columbia University, 1969; Ph.D. [Political Science], Université de Paris, 1971), born in Grand-Mère, Quebec, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1971. He served abroad in Madrid, Havana and as Counsellor (Political) and Canadian representative to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation in Paris from 1981 to 1985. From 1988 to 1990, he served as Ambassador to Senegal with concurrent accreditation to Mauritania, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, and to the Gambia as High Commissioner. From 1990 to 1993, he was Ambassador to the Organization of American States in Washington. In Ottawa, he was Director, Economic Law and Treaties from 1985 to 1986 during which period he also acted as Deputy Co-ordinator for the Francophone Summit in Paris. Mr. Hubert was Federal Co-ordinator for "La Francophonie" from 1986 to 1988. He served concurrently as the personal representative of the Prime Minister for the Francophone Summits between 1988 and 1990. Most recently, Mr. Hubert has been the Department's Senior Advisor on Commonwealth, la Francophonie

and Inter-American Affairs. He and his spouse Florence Péloquin have five children. He succeeds Raymond A.J. Chrétien, who was named Ambassador to the United States of America in December 1993.

Garrett C.M. Lambert (B.A. [Economics], University of Toronto, 1963), born in Toronto, Ontario, joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1968. He served abroad in Tehran, Bonn and Warsaw. From 1982 to 1985 he served as High Commissioner to Nigeria and, from 1988 to 1990 as High Commissioner to Malaysia. In Ottawa, he held the positions of Director General, Industrial Co-operation Division with the Canadian International Development Agency from 1978 to 1982; Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister for International Trade from 1985 to 1986; Director General, United States Trade, Tourism and Investment Development Bureau from 1986 to 1988 and since 1990 has been Assistant Deputy Minister for Corporate Management in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He is married to Helen Gallardi and they have two children. He succeeds John P. Higginbotham who has been named Minister in Washington.

Barry M. Mawhinney (B.A., LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1963), born in Victoria, British Columbia, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1965 and served abroad in Accra, London, as Minister-Counsellor to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels, and from 1987 to 1990 as Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. In Ottawa he held the positions of Director of USSR and Eastern European Relations from 1983 to 1984; Director General, Legal Affairs Bureau from 1984 to 1987; and since 1990, has been Departmental Legal Advisor and Assistant Deputy Minister, Legal and Consular Affairs Branch. Mr. Mawhinney is married to Islay Mawhinney (née Sampson) and they have one daughter, Tamara. He succeeds Michael Wadsworth who is returning to Canada.

Ian McLean (B.A., Honours, McGill University; M.P.A., Harvard University), joined the Department of External Affairs in 1968 and served abroad in Saigon, Hanoi, Geneva and, from 1985 to 1989, in Paris as Counsellor (Economic). In Ottawa, Mr. McLean has held the positions of Director, United States General Relations and Programs Division and most recently Director General, United States Relations Bureau. He is married to Anne Hald and they have one daughter. He succeeds Marie-Andrée Beauchemin who has been named as High Commissioner to Pakistan.

Allan Stewart (B.A., University of Western Ontario, 1965; M.A., University of Western Ontario, 1967), born in Toronto, Ontario, joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1967 and served abroad in Sydney, Stockholm, Seattle and, from 1983 to 1986 in Mexico as Minister-Counsellor (Commercial/Economic). In Ottawa, Mr. Stewart held the positions of Director, Resource Management Division; Director, Export and Investment Programs Division and most recently has served as Director General, United States Trade, Tourism and Investment Development Bureau. Mr. Stewart is married

to Donna Stewart and they have two children. He succeeds James Elliott who is returning to Canada.

Colleen Swords (B.A., Brock University, 1972; LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1975; admitted to the bar of Ontario, 1977; Diploma in European Integration, University of Amsterdam, 1979), born in Kamloops, British Columbia, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1980 and served abroad in Dar-es-Salaam and Bangkok. In Ottawa she has held various positions in the Legal Operations Division and the Economic and Trade Law Division. She is currently Director, Economic Law Division. Ms. Swords is married to Bjorn Johansson and they have two children. She succeeds Janet Zukowsky who is returning to Canada.

Donald T. Wismer (Massachusetts Institute of Technology; B.A. [Economics], University of Alberta, 1965), born in Edmonton, Alberta, joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1966. He served abroad in Rome, Milan, New York, Prague, Belgrade, Athens, Madrid and from 1992 to 1993 he was Consul General in Cleveland. Mr. Wismer was the Director of Trade and Tourism, Vancouver, Department of Regional Industrial Expansion, from 1983 to 1985. In Ottawa he held the positions of Director, Western Europe Trade, Investment and Technology Division from 1989 to 1992 and most recently, Departmental Ombudsman. Mr. Wismer is married to Margit Wismer and they have four children. He replaces Anne Charles who is returning to Canada.

David Wright (B.Sc. [Mathematics and Economics], McGill University, 1966; M.B.A. [International Finance], Columbia University, 1968), born in Montreal, Quebec, joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1968 and moved to the Department of External Affairs in 1974. He served abroad in Rome, the United Nations in New York, Tokyo and in Paris as Minister and Deputy Head of Mission. In Ottawa he held the positions of Director of Cabinet Liaison from 1982 to 1984; Director of Economic and Trade Analysis from 1984 to 1985, and Director General, Economic Policy Bureau and *sous-sherpa* for the Group of Seven (leading industrialized countries) Summits from 1985 to 1987. Since 1990, he has been Assistant Deputy Minister for Europe. He is married to Ilze Skuja and they have one son, Julian. He succeeds Jean-Pierre Juneau who is returning to Canada.

Rob Wright (B.A. [Economics], University of Western Ontario, 1973; M.A. [Economics], University of Manitoba, 1975), born in Atikokan, Ontario, joined the Federal Public Service in 1975 and held positions in the National Energy Board, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Department of Finance. In 1987, he was named Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Priorities and Planning) and subsequently Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Plans) at the Privy Council Office. From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Wright served as Deputy Minister of Agriculture. He is married to Patty Wright (née Armstrong) and they have four daughters. He succeeds Esmond Jarvis.