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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Martin Collacott, currently Canadian Representative in the Kingdom of Cambodia, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Christine Desloges, currently Director, Government Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Alain Dudoit, currently Director General, Cultural Affairs and Higher Education Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Verona Edelstein, most recently Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Relations Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Wilfrid-Guy Licari, currently Director General, Africa and Middle East Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.

Manfred G. von Nostitz, currently Director General, Security and Intelligence, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, with concurrent accreditation to the People's Democratic Republic of Laos.

Biographical information is attached.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Martin D. Collacott (B.A., University of Toronto, 1955; M.A., University of Toronto, 1959), born in Vancouver, British Columbia, worked as a Canadian International Development Agency advisor in North Borneo from 1960 to 1965 and subsequently served abroad with the Department of External Affairs in Saigon, Hong Kong, Beijing, Lagos, and Tokyo. From 1982 to 1986, he was High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and from 1990 to 1993 Ambassador to Syria and Lebanon. In Ottawa, Mr. Collacott held the positions of Director, Latin America Relations Division; Director, Security Division; and Director General, Security Services and Emergency Co-ordination Bureau in the Department of External Affairs. Since 1993, Mr. Collacott has been the Canadian Representative in Phnom Penh. He is married to Tuyet Collacott and they have two children.

Christine Desloges (B.A., Honours, St. Thomas University, 1977; M.A. [International Affairs], Carleton University, 1979), born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry Trade and Commerce in 1980 and served abroad in Beijing and Hong Kong. In Ottawa, she held the positions of Deputy Director, Media Relations Division and Director, Trade Communications Division. Ms. Desloges is Canada's first resident Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Alain Dudoit (B.A., Université de Montréal, 1966; B.Sc., M.Sc. [Political Science], LL.L., Université de Montréal), born in Montpellier, France, joined the Federal Public Service in 1972. He has held senior positions in the Privy Council Office, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of Finance. In 1982, he joined the Department of External Affairs and served as Senior Departmental Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs; Minister-Counsellor (Economic and Trade) in Paris; Director General, Trade Communications Bureau and most recently as Director General, Cultural Affairs and Higher Education Bureau. He is married to Michèle Sutto and they have two daughters. He succeeds Paul Frazer who has been named Minister (Public Affairs) in Washington.

Verona Edelstein (B.A., University of British Columbia, 1963; National Defence College, 1986), from Calgary, Alberta, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966 and served abroad in London, Jakarta, New York (United Nations) and, from 1983 to 1985, as Minister in Bonn. In Ottawa, she held the positions of Director, United Nations Social and Humanitarian Affairs Division; Director, Africa Trade Development Division; Co-chair, Interdepartmental Working Group for an International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development; and Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Relations Division. Ms. Edelstein is married to Robert Sandor. She succeeds Patricia Marsden-Dole.

Wilfrid-Guy Licari (B.A., Mathematics and Philosophy, Stanislas College, Montreal, 1963; B.A., University of Montreal, 1965; Certificate of General Literary Studies, Université de Paris, 1966; Graduate Studies, Economic and Commercial Sciences, Paris, 1968), born in Tunis, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1968. He served abroad in Nairobi, Algiers, Paris, Rome and from 1987 to 1991 was Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. In Ottawa, he worked in the Office of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the European Division and Personnel Bureau and, from 1981 to 1984 held the position of Director of Francophone Africa and Maghreb. Since 1991, he has been Director General, Africa and Middle East Bureau. He is married to Françoise Licari and they have two children. Mr. Licari succeeds Jacques Bilodeau who is returning to Canada.

Manfred G. von Nostitz (B.A., Honours [History], University of Toronto, 1963; M.A. [Political Science], 1965), born in Paris, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967. He served abroad in Saigon, Hanoi, Vienna, Munich, Bangkok and Washington. In 1984, Mr. von Nostitz was appointed High Commissioner to Malaysia and in 1988, Ambassador to Pakistan. In Ottawa, he held the positions of Director, South and Southeast Asia Division; Director, United States General Relations Division; Director General, Policy and Plans with the Communications Security Establishment; and Director General, International Organizations at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He is married to Judith Lee Irwin and they have two children. Mr. von Nostitz succeeds Arthur Perron who has recently been named as Ambassador in support of Quebec's bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.