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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall announces the following appointments:

**John P. Bell**, from Vancouver, British Columbia, as High Commissioner to Malaysia;

**The Honourable Benoît Bouchard**, from Roberval, Quebec, as Ambassador to France;

**Ernest Hébert**, from Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark;

**John J. Noble**, from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, as Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic;

**Michel Roy**, born in Ottawa, Ontario, as Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia; and

**Anne-Marie Viarouge-Willis**, born in Florac, France, as Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner in Lyon.

Biographical information on the appointees is attached.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**John P. Bell** (BComm, University of British Columbia, 1962) joined the Trade Commissioner Service, Department of Trade and Commerce, in 1962. He served abroad in Stockholm, Accra, Abidjan, Paris, Sydney, Sao Paulo and New York. From 1984 to 1987 he was Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, and from 1987 to 1990 he served as Ambassador to Brazil. In Ottawa Mr. Bell was Director of Personnel, Trade Commissioner Service, from 1979 to 1981 and Acting Director General, Trade Commissioner Service and Canadian Regional Offices, from 1981 to 1982. In 1990 he was named Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the Environment. He is married to Yvette Holland and has two children.

**Benoît Bouchard** (BA, Laval University; LLL, Laval University) taught from 1964 to 1969. From 1969 to 1981 Mr. Bouchard was Principal at the secondary level and at the CEGEP St-Félicien. During this latter period, he became Secretary of the Federation of CEGEPs in Quebec, a position he held until 1984. He was first elected to the House of Commons as the Member of Parliament for Roberval in 1984 and, since then, has served in a number of ministerial portfolios, including Employment and Immigration, Transport, and Industry, Science and Technology. He has most recently served as Minister for Health and Welfare and Minister responsible for the Federal Office for Regional Development in Quebec. Mr. Bouchard is married to Jeannine Lavoie and has three children.

**Ernest Hébert** (BA, Collège Mont Saint-Louis, 1959; BA [Economics and Political Science], University of Montreal, 1965) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1965. He served abroad in the Congo, New York, Vietnam and Belgium. From 1980 to 1983 he was Ambassador to the Ivory Coast. From 1983 to 1985 Mr. Hébert was Director General of the Development Program with the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation in Paris. In Ottawa he was Director General, Africa Relations. In 1986 and 1987 he was Co-Chairman of the Quebec City Francophone Summit Organizing Committee. From 1987 to 1989 he was Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Foreign and Defence Policy) at the Privy Council Office. Most recently he served as Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic. He is married to Ellis Thomsen, and has three children.

**John J. Noble** (BA Honours [Political Science], Acadia University, 1966) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966. He served abroad in Dakar, Ankara, London and Geneva. In Ottawa from 1983 to 1984 he was Departmental Spokesman and Director of the Press Office. From 1984 to 1988 he served successively as Director, United States General Relations Division, and Director General, United States General Relations Bureau. From 1988 to 1990 he was Director General, International Security and Arms Control Bureau, and following a year at Harvard University where he was a Fellow of the Centre for International Affairs, he

served as Director General, International Organizations Bureau. He is married to Linda Styan and has three children.

**Michel Roy** (MA, Philosophy, University of Montreal, 1952). Mr. Roy's career in the media spanned 24 years at *Le Devoir* as a reporter, news editor and editor-in-chief from 1958 to 1982. He spent another six years at *La Presse* as Editorial page editor and then associate publisher and editor-in-chief. From 1988 to 1990 he was a syndicated columnist for *Le Soleil* of Quebec City and *Le Droit* of Ottawa. From 1949 to 1958 Mr. Roy worked as a journalist at *Le Canada*, radio station CKAC and the Canadian Press Agency. In 1991 he was appointed Senior Advisor (Constitutional and federal-provincial issues) in the Privy Council Office, and in 1992 he was Senior Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office. He is married to Monique Bernier and has three children. Mr. Roy replaces Marius Bujold.

**Anne-Marie Viarouge-Willis** (MA, [Mathematical Linguistics], University of Ottawa, 1971; Degree in Public Administration, Carleton University, 1979; Master of Public Administration, Carleton University, 1981; National Defence College, 1988) is currently the Executive Director, Industry, Science and Technology - Quebec and International Trade Centre. After working in the field of private and public education for several years, she joined the Public Service Commission of Canada. From 1980 to 1988 Ms. Viarouge-Willis worked with the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion in a number of managerial positions, including Director of Human Resources, Director of the Helicopter Project Office, Director of Major Crown Projects and Director of Electronic and Space Defence Systems. From 1988 to 1990 Ms. Viarouge-Willis was Assistant Deputy Minister, Technology and Market Development and Investment, with the Department of Industry, Commerce and Technology of Quebec.