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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

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

Mr. Théodore J. (Ted) Arcand born in Bonnyville (Alberta), as Ambassador to the Holy See.

Mr. Arcand [B.A., (Honours), History, Laval and McMaster Universities, 1957] worked in the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and joined the Department of External Affairs in 1958. He has served abroad in Prague, Yaoundé, Copenhagen and in Dar-es-Salaam as Counsellor from 1970 to 1972; and at the Holy See as Counsellor from 1972 to 1976. He was Ambassador to Lebanon from 1979 to 1982; and to Hungary from 1982 to 1985. In Ottawa, he worked in the Personnel Division in 1962 and in the Information Division from 1968 to 1970. He was Director, Commonwealth Institutions Division from 1976 to 1977; Director, Francophone Africa and Maghreb Affairs from 1977 to 1978. He has been the Chief of Protocol since 1985. He is married to Jennifer M. Garner-Ashmore. They have one child. Mr. Arcand replaces Mr. E.P. Black.

Mr. Marius Bujold, born in Caplan (Québec), as Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Mr. Bujold [B.A., Laval University, 1961; specialized B.A., Political Science, University of Montreal, 1963; M.A., Political Science (International Relations), Laval University, 1965; M.A. Public Administration, ENAP, Quebec, 1973] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1965. He has served abroad in Tunis, Lagos and Dakar. In Paris, he served at the Canadian Permanent Mission to the OECD from 1974 to 1978; he was Ambassador to Sénégal from 1982 to 1985. In Ottawa, he was with the Europe Division during 1965 and 1966; with Academic Relations during 1970 and 1971; with the Francophone Institutions Division in 1973 and 1974, and was Director of Francophone Institutions from 1979 to 1982. He was Director, Western Europe Relations from 1985 to 1987. He has been Director of Francophone Africa and Maghreb Relations since 1987. He is married to Pamela H. Chapman; the couple have two children. Mr. Bujold replaces Mr. T.A. Williams.

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Mr. Bernard Arthur (Berney) Gagosz born in Val D'Or (Québec), as High Commissioner in the Republic of Singapore.

Mr. Gagosz [B.A., Honours, Business Administration, Wilfrid Laurier University, 1964; Banff School of Advanced Management, 1974] joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1965. He has served abroad in Vienna, in Brussels and in Manila as Consul & Trade Commissioner from 1969 to 1971; in Detroit, Consul & Senior Trade Commissioner from 1971 to 1972; in Athens, Counsellor (Commercial) from 1972 to 1976; in Melbourne, Consul General from 1979 to 1983; and in Minneapolis, Consul General from 1983 to 1987. In Ottawa, he was Director, Training and Recruitment from 1976 to 1977; and Director (Personnel) from 1977 to 1979. He has been Director General (Personnel Operations) since 1987. He is married to Mary-Lou Gagosz. They have two children. Mr. Gagosz replaces Mr. S. Brady.

Mr. John Higginbotham born in Regina (Saskatchewan), as Commissioner in Hong Kong.

Mr. Higginbotham [B.A., University of Saskatchewan, 1964; Graduate Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 1965; M.A., Economics, McGill University] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1969. He has served abroad in New York, as Advisor, United Nations General Assembly Delegation; in Hong Kong, for two years, Chinese Language Studies; and in Beijing, as First Secretary (Commercial) and as Counsellor and Head of Chancery from 1980 to 1982. From 1979 to 1980, Mr. Higginbotham was a Fellow at the Centre for International Affairs at Harvard University. In Ottawa, he worked as Head, China/Hong Kong Section from 1975 to 1977; as Member of the Policy Planning Secretariat from 1977 to 1979; as Special Advisor (Trade Policy), Office of General Economic Relations from 1982 to 1983; and as Director, International Economic Relations Division from 1983 to 1985. He has been Director General, Policy Development Bureau since 1985. He is married to Michèle Allard Higginbotham. They have two children. Mr. Higginbotham replaces Ms. A.M. Doyle.

Ms. Margaret J. Mason born in Windsor (Nova Scotia), as Ambassador for Disarmament.

Ms. Mason [B.A. University of Ottawa, 1972; L.L.B., University of Ottawa, 1975; admitted to the practice of law in Ontario, 1977] has an extensive experience in labour relations and family law. She was Legal Advisor and Policy Analyst for the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women in 1980 and 1981; Policy Advisor to the Right Honourable Joe Clark and to the Honourable Erik Nielsen with responsibilities in the areas of status of women, arms control policy, social policy, constitutional and legal issues from 1981 to 1984. Since 1984, she has been Policy Advisor to the Right Honourable Joe Clark with responsibilities for providing policy analysis and advice in the following areas: security isues, East/West relations, export controls policy; East/West human rights issues, military and non-military uses of nuclear energy and selected trade issues. Ms. Mason is married and has one son. Ms. Mason replaces Mr. D. Roche.

Mr. François A. Mathys, born in Timmins (Ontario), as Ambassador responsible for the conduct of the Canada-France Maritime Boundary Case.

Mr. Mathys [B.A., Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf, Montréal; licence en droit, University of Montreal; member of the Québec bar; University Institute of Higher International Studies, Geneva] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1967 and has served with the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, the Embassy in Moscow and was Deputy Permanent Representative with the Canadian Delegation to NATO from 1983-86. From 1986-87, he was senior Departmental Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and Director General, Bureau of Legal Affairs from 1987 to 1989. Since then, he has been Canadian Agent in the Canada-France Maritime Boundary Case. Mr. Mathys is married to Elaine de Lorimier and has three children.

The Honourable Thomas M. McMillan, born in Charlottetown (P.E.I), as Consul General in Boston.

Mr. McMillan [B.A. St. Dunstan's University, P.E.I., 1967; M.A. Political Science, Queen's University, 1970] was first elected to the House of Commons in 1979 following a career as a political scientist. From 1979 to 1984, he represented the constituency of Hillsborough, P.E.I. in the House of Commons. He was Minister of State (Tourism) from 1984 to 1985 and Minister of the Environment from 1985 to 1988. He is married to Katherine Hambly and they have two children. Mr. McMillan replaces Ms. P. Lucas.

Mr. Charles William (Bill) Ross born in Portage la Prairie (Manitoba), as Consul General in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Mr. Ross [B.SC., University of Manitoba, 1966; diploma Management science, University of Ottawa - 1972] joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1966. In Ottawa, with the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, he worked in the Appliances & Commercial Machinery Division; as Project Coordinator, Chemicals Branch; as Project Coordinator, Market Development Group; on the China Task Force from 1971 to 1972; as Regional Coordinator, Asia and Pacific, from 1972 to 1973; as Assistant Chief, Pacific Division, from 1973 to 1975; as Chief, Textiles & Clothing Policy from 1979 to 1980; as Director, Caribbean & Central American Division from 1980 to 1981; and Director, South America Trade Development Division from 1981 to 1984. He has served abroad in Brasilia as Counsellor (Commercial) from 1975 to 1978; in Rio de Janeiro, as Consul General, from 1984 to 1985; and in Perth, Consul General from 1985 to 1987. He has been Minister-Counsellor (Commercial) in The Hague since 1987. He is married to Judith Ross. They have three children. Mr. Ross replaces

Mr. André S. Simard, born in Montréal (Québec), as Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Mr. Simard [B.A. Education, Collège Ste-Thérèse de Blainville/
Collège Ste-Croix; M.A. Law, University of Montréal; Certificate in
International Law, Academy of International Law of the Hague] joined the
Department of External Affairs in 1967. In Ottawa, he worked in the Europe
Division; in the Defence Liaison Division; in the Cultural Affairs Division and
in the Federal-Provincial Relations Coordination Division. He was Head of the
Nuclear Section, Transport Communications and Energy Division in 1976 and 1977;
Official Spokesman and Director, Press Office, from 1977 to 1981; Director,
Pacific Relations Division, from 1984 to 1986; and Director, Japan Relations
Division, in 1986 and 1987. He served abroad in Tokyo, Saigon, Tunis and in
Bangkok as Counsellor and Consul from 1981 to 1984, and has been Ambassador to
Cameroon since 1987. He is married to Sabine Théodas Simard; the couple have
two children. Mr. Simard replaces Mr. R.H. Davidson.

Mr. George Douglas Valentine, born in Calgary (Alberta), as Consul General in Chicago.

Mr. Valentine [B.A. University of British Columbia 1953] joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1962. In Ottawa, he was Director, Foreign Investment Review Agency 1973-1975 and Director General, South America Bureau from 1983 to 1985. He has served abroad in Dusseldorf, Bogota and Rio de Janeiro as Consul and Trade Commissioner from 1963 to 1973. He was Counsellor (Commercial) in Tehran from 1975 to 1978; Consul in Dallas from 1978 to 1980 and Ambassador to Columbia from 1980 to 1983. He has been Ambassador to Saudi Arabia since 1985. He is married to Beverly Jean Alexander and they have three children. Mr. Valentine replaces Mr. A.L. Halliday.

Mr. Michael A. Wadsworth Q.C., born in Ottawa (Ontario), as Ambassador to Ireland.

Mr. Wadsworth [B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1966; Bachelor of Laws, Osgoode Hall, 1969; Advanced Management Program, Harvard Graduate School of Business, 1985] has had a diverse, international experience in industry, law, the media and athletics. His legal experience includes ten years in the private practice of law in the province of Ontario and management of the legal affairs of a U.S. based manufacturing corporation and of a major Canadian corporation with international interests in financial services and health care. His media experience includes eleven years as a radio and television commentator and two years as a sports writer following his five year career with the Toronto Argonaut Football Club. During the past eight years, Mr. Wadsworth has occupied senior positions in the financial services and manufacturing industries. He has been Senior Vice President, U.S. Operations, Crown Life Insurance Company since January 1987. Mr. Wadsworth is married to Bernadette Mary Apted. They have three children. Mr. Wadsworth replaces Mr. D. McDermott.