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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

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

Mr. Keith A. Bezanson (44), born in Kingston, Ontario, as Ambassador to Peru with concurrent accreditation to Bolivia.

Mr. Bezanson (B.A., Carleton University, 1964; Ph.D., Stanford University, 1972) joined the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in 1973. Prior to joining the federal government, he taught in Nigeria with the Canadian University Service Overseas, was a Teaching and Research Assistant at Stanford University, and a Consultant to the Stanford Research Institute on an Economic Planning Mission to Micronesia (Pacific Islands). He has served abroad in Ghana in a variety of positions such as Advisor in Educational and Manpower Planning; CIDA Project Director (Employment and Income); and Visiting Lecturer at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. With CIDA, he was Chief Planning Officer from 1973 to 1977; Regional Director, Canadian Development Co-operation with Kenya/Tanzania from 1977 to 1978; Director, Financial Institutions Division from 1978 to 1981. Since 1981, he has been Vice-President, Americas Branch in CIDA. Mr. Bezanson replaces Mr. Michael Bell who has returned to Ottawa.

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Mr. Wilmer J. Collett (55), born in Brantford, Ontario, as High Commissioner to Nigeria, with concurrent accreditation to Sierra Leone.

Mr. Collett (B.S.A., Ontario Agriculture College, University of Toronto, 1953; M.B.A., School of Business, University of Western Ontario, 1956) joined the former Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1956. He has served abroad in Bombay, Cairo, Wellington, Vienna, and Moscow. He was Director of the Trade Commissioner Service from 1968 to 1971. Mr. Collett was Minister (Commercial) in Rome from 1971 to 1974; Consul General in Chicago from 1974 to 1979; and Minister (Economic/Commercial) in Bonn from 1979 to 1982. Since 1982, he has been Consul General in Munich. Mr. Collett replaces Mr. G. Lambert who is returning to Ottawa.

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Mr. Jacques J.C. Dupuis (57) born in Ste. Anne de Kamouraska, Quebec, as Ambassador to Switzerland.

Mr. Dupuis (B.A. Laval University, 1948; L.L.L. Laval University, 1952) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1954. He has served abroad in Ankara, Tokyo and Paris. In 1973, he served as Diplomat in Residence at the University of Montreal and, in 1974, Director General, Co-ordination Bureau. Mr. Dupuis was appointed Ambassador to Spain in 1977. Returning to Ottawa in 1981, he was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Multilateral Affairs Bureau, and, in 1982, Assistant Deputy Minister, Multilateral and Cultural Affairs Bureau. Since 1983, he has been Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Affairs and Programs. Mr. Dupuis replaces Mr. M. de Guomois whose next assignment will be announced later.

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Mr. Bernard Dussault (42), born in Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to Gabon.

Mr. Dussault (B.A., University of Montreal, 1963; B.Comm., University of Sherbrooke, 1966; M.Comm., University of Sherbrooke, 1967), joined the former Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1968. He has served abroad in Accra, Buffalo and Paris, including an assignment at the École Nationale d'Administration in Paris from 1975 to 1976, and an appointment as Consul and Counsellor (Commercial Affairs) in Berne from 1979 to 1982. In 1976 he was appointed Deputy Director, Training/Recruitment and Career Planning; in 1978, Special Assistant to the Minister, Industry, Trade and Commerce; and, in 1982, Director General, International Trade Development, Department of Regional Industrial Expansion. Since 1984, he has served as a member of the Canada/USA Sectoral Studies Working Group. Mr. Dussault is Canada's first Ambassador resident in Libreville.

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Mr. Gary R. Harman (56), born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, as Ambassador to Jordan.

Mr. Harman [B.A. (Honours), University of Manitoba, 1951] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1953. He has served abroad in New York, Prague, Washington, Moscow, and as Counsellor in Cairo from 1970 to 1972. In 1972, he was appointed Director, Personnel Planning and Development; in 1973, Director, Personnel Operations; and in 1975, Director General, Bureau of Personnel. In 1977, Mr. Harman was appointed Ambassador to Cuba and, in 1981, Chief Air Negotiator. Since 1983, he has been Assistant Deputy Minister, Administration. Mr. Harman replaces Mr. K.W. MacLellan who is retiring from the Public Service.

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Mr. Paul A. Lapointe (50), born in Quebec City, Quebec, as Consul General in Marseille.

Mr. Lapointe (B.A., Quebec Seminary, 1954; L.L.L., Laval University, 1957) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1960. He served abroad in New York, Vietnam-Laos, Paris, Geneva, New Delhi, and as Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York from 1976 to 1979. In Ottawa, he served as Director General, United Nations Affaires from 1979 to 1981. Since 1981, he has been Deputy High Commissioner, London. Mr. Lapointe replaces Mr. R. McKinnon who is retiring from the Public Service.

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Mr. C. William Ross (41), born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, as Consul General in Perth, Australia.

Mr. Ross (B.Sc., University of Manitoba, 1966) joined the former Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1966 and has held a variety of trade positions. He has served abroad in Brasilia from 1975 to 1978. In Ottawa, he was Chief, Control Measures from 1978 to 1979; Chief, Textiles and Clothing Policy from 1979 to 1980; and Director, Caribbean and Central American Division from 1980 to 1981. In the re-organized Department of External Affairs, he was named Director, South America Trade Development Division, from 1981 to 1984. Mr. Ross was appointed Consul General in Rio de Janeiro from 1984 to 1985. Since 1985, he has been Counsellor (Commercial) in Canberra. Mr. Ross replaces Mr. R.B. Blake who is returning to Ottawa.