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APPOINTMENT OF CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO
THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today the appointment of Ms. A. Raynell Andreychuck as Canada's representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. Ms. Andreychuk, currently Canadian High Commissioner to Kenya, with accreditation to Uganda and as Ambassador to the Comoros, will carry out the duties associated with the Commission on Human Rights concurrently with her present diplomatic assignment.

Ms. Andreychuck, born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan (B.A., 1966; LL.B., 1967) and is a member of the Saskatchewan Bar. She has held a variety of appointments, including judge of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court and Associate Deputy Minister, Social Services, in the Government of Saskatchewan. She has been active in voluntary and community organizations, including the Y.M.C.A. and March International, and has lectured widely on family issues, women's issues, the voluntary sector and human rights. She has been a delegate to the United Nations Conference on Women and Development (1969) and the U.N. World Conference on Women, Copenhagen (1980).

In her current diplomatic assignment Ms. Andreychuk is also Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations Environment Program and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) in Nairobi, Kenya.

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Canada was elected to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in May for a three-year term to run from January 1989. The Commission is an inter-governmental body comprised of forty-three members of the United Nations, and Canada's election marked a return to membership after an absence of three years, due to normal rotational patterns.

In making the announcement, Mr. Clark emphasized the importance which the Government accorded to human rights as an integral element of foreign policy and the constructive contributions which Canada hopes to make as a full member in the Commission.

Mr. Clark also indicated that Ms. Andreychuk, subject to her current responsibilities, would be undertaking a full round of consultations leading up to the next session of the Commission in February 1989, including meetings with Canadian non-governmental organizations in the field of human rights.