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## D. ROBERT TURNER RECEIVES PAFSO AWARD FOR TRADE EXPANSION IN LATIN AMERICA

Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today presented the 1992 Foreign Service Officer Award to D. Robert Turner, Canada's trade commissioner to Santiago, Chile, for his outstanding efforts and achievements in helping to expand Canadian trade and investment both in Chile and throughout Latin America.

"Mr. Turner's thorough knowledge and understanding of Latin America has been highly beneficial to Canadian companies looking to do business in Chile," said Mrs. McDougall. "Since his posting to Chile in 1989, our embassy in Santiago has consistently been one of the best performing trade offices in the region, and Canada-Chile trade has grown substantially in the mining, agricultural, forestry and high-tech sectors."

Mr. Turner was responsible for the development of a close working relationship between 17 Canadian mining companies and the Chilean mining sector. He also established the Canada-Chile Commercial Council, which promotes stronger trading ties between the two nations.

The Canadian Foreign Service Officer Award was instituted in 1990 by the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers (PAFSO) to acknowledge exceptional achievement by career foreign service officers. The winner of the Award receives a cash prize of \$1000 and all Award, Special Commendation and Citation winners receive certificates.

A Special Commendation and three Citations were also presented this year. The Special Commendation was given to Daniel Jean, the immigration and consular program manager at the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for assisting Canadians in Haiti during the coup d'état and its aftermath. The Citations were presented to René-François Désamoré,

Editor-in-chief of *CanadExport*, for developing a highly useful newsletter for Canadian exporters; David Walter Hardinge, First Secretary and Consul at the Canadian Embassy in Warsaw, Poland, for his significant contribution to the management and delivery of the immigration program during a period of extensive economic and political change; and Mervyn Roy Meadows, Counsellor and Consul at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, Russia, for his diplomacy and exemplary performance which was sustained under exceptionally difficult conditions, beginning with the Baltic crisis in early 1991 and ending with the final collapse of the U.S.S.R.

The awards were presented in Ottawa at the second annual PAFSO banquet. Judges for this year's awards were John Cruickshank, Jean Fournier, Irene Johnson, Peter Harder and L.J. Taylor.

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