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## APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF AIR NEGOTIATOR FOR CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Transport Minister Douglas Young today announced the appointment of Duane D. Van Beselaere as Chief Air Negotiator for Canada.

Mr. Van Beselaere has demonstrated outstanding effectiveness and dedication throughout a distinguished diplomatic career. In April 1993, he was appointed Associate Chief Air Negotiator for Canada. As Chief Air Negotiator, Mr. Van Beselaere will have responsibility for all of Canada's bilateral air negotiations with other countries.

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Biographical notes for Mr. Van Beselaere are attached.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

**Duane D. Van Beselaere** joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1966 after completing a Bachelor of Commerce degree with specialization in Economics at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

Following completion of his training in Ottawa, Mr. Van Beselaere served in Sydney, Australia, Hamburg, Germany, and Lagos, Nigeria, in trade and industrial development portfolios.

On his return to Canada in 1977, Mr. Van Beselaere served in positions dealing with bilateral trade relations with Eastern Europe and the United States in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce until 1981 when he was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., as Counsellor (Commercial) responsible for agriculture, fisheries and forestry.

Mr. Van Beselaere returned to Ottawa in 1983 as Director, Services and General Trade Policy Division in the Department of External Affairs with responsibility for multilateral trade policy issues and for trade-in-services negotiations in the Uruguay Round of GATT and in the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Van Beselaere was posted to Bonn, Germany, as Minister-Counsellor (Commercial/Economic) in August 1988. On his return to Ottawa, he assumed the position of Associate Chief Air Negotiator for Canada in April 1993.