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Ambassador of Canada to the European Union

H. David Plunkett was nominated Ambassador of Canada to the European Union on July 22 2011. He is married to Hettie Stevens, and they have a son, Jesse. Mr. Plunkett succeeds Ross Hornby.

Studies:

B.A. (political science), University of British Columbia, 1975

M.A. (international relations), University of Nijmegen, 1979

Professional career:

2009 - 2011: Associate Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Negotiator, Bilateral and Regional Trade Policy and Negotiations, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

2006 - 2009: Director General of Bilateral and Regional Trade Policy, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

2002 - 2006: Minister (Commercial and Economic), High Commission of Canada, London, United Kingdom.

1998 - 2001: Director of the European Union Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

1993 - 1997: Counsellor for Trade Policy, Embassy of Canada to the United States of America, Washington DC, USA.

1991 - 1993: Deputy Director of the U.S. Trade Policy Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

1987 - 1991: Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Geneva, Switzerland

1981: Trade Policy Officer, Department of External Affairs Canada

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Diplomatic Appointments

(No. 210 - July 22, 2011 - 2 p.m. ET) John Baird, Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister, today announced the following diplomatic appointments:

Sylvia Cesaratto becomes Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

David Chatterson becomes Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Geneviève des Rivières becomes Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

David Devine becomes High Commissioner to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Douglas George becomes Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Heidi Kutz becomes Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

Troy Lulashnyk becomes Ambassador to Ukraine.

Tim Martin becomes Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Robert William Peck becomes Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic and High Commissioner to the Republic of Cyprus.

H. David Plunkett becomes Ambassador to the European Union.

Hugues Réal Rousseau becomes Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

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Biographical notes on the appointees follow.

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Biographical Notes

Sylvia Cesaratto (BComm [Administration], Concordia University, 1987), joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1996 as a personnel officer with the Human Resources Branch. Abroad, Ms. Cesaratto served in London as first secretary for aerospace and defence and later as the trade program manager in Brussels. In Ottawa, she worked as a United Kingdom desk officer. Since 2008, she has been the director of the Strategic Initiatives Division. She is married to Malcolm Britto, and they have four children: Marcello, Kiara, Dante and Roman. Ms. Cesaratto succeeds Patricia Langan-Torell.

David Chatterson (BComm Honours, University of Manitoba, 1979) joined Revenue Canada's anti-dumping and countervail directorate in 1980. He was posted to Tokyo twice, as first secretary in 1984 and as counsellor in 1994; at the latter time he was responsible for the Asia region. Between postings he worked as a manager with both Revenue Canada and the Canadian International Trade Tribunal. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1998 as deputy director and subsequently director of the Multilateral Trade Policy Division. In 2005, he served in Paris as deputy

permanent representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. In 2009, he became ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Chatterson succeeds Edward Lipman.

Geneviève des Rivières (BA Honours [Political Science], University of Ottawa, 1976; MA [Political Science], University of Ottawa, 1980) joined the Department of External Affairs and International Trade in 1982 and served abroad in Santiago and Kuala Lumpur. In 1990, she served as officer, then deputy director in the Tariffs and Market Access Division, and in 1994, became director of corporate planning and program analysis. From 1996 to 2000, she served in London as counsellor responsible for trade, investment, science and technology. In 2000, she became minister counsellor responsible for commercial and economic affairs in Mexico. In 2004, she was appointed ambassador to Peru and Bolivia, and, in 2008, ambassador to Colombia. She is married to Paul Brazeau. Ms. des Rivières succeeds Patrick Parisot.

David Devine (BA [Political Science], Memorial University, 1985; Executive MBA, Concordia University, 1988) joined the Department of Manpower and Immigration in 1975 as a project analyst. After working three years in the private sector, he returned to the public service in 1981 to join Supply and Services Canada as an operations analyst. He became chief of research and analysis in 1985 and later manager of international, cabinet and parliamentary affairs. He transferred to the Department of External Affairs and International Trade to work with the Free Trade Agreement Management Branch and the Tariff and Market Access Division. From 1995 to 2000, he was deputy director, then acting director, of investment trade policy, before becoming director of the Softwood Lumber Division in 2000. In 2003, he became director of trade policy consultations and liaison. In 2007, he became counsellor and senior trade commissioner in Tokyo. He is married to Marian Devine. Mr. Devine succeeds François Montour.

Douglas George (BSc [Zoology], University of Toronto, 1980; MBA, Queen's University, 1982), joined the Department of External Affairs and International Trade in 1982 as a desk officer in the Commercial Policy Division. His assignments in Ottawa have included work in the department's Consular Operations, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Affairs, and U.S. Trade and Economic Policy divisions and, as a senior departmental assistant, in the Office of the Minister of International Trade. In 1997, he became director of the Softwood Lumber Task Force, and in 2004, director of the Intellectual Property, Information and Technology Trade Policy Division. Abroad, Mr. George served in Kingston as second secretary and in Geneva, at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the GATT, as first secretary. From 2000 to 2004, he was counsellor at the Mission of Canada to the European Union. He then became director of the Tariffs and Goods Market Access Division. Mr. George succeeds Reid Henry.

Heidi Kutz (BA [Communication Studies], University of Calgary, 1992; MA [Public Administration], Carleton University, 1995), joined the Department of External Affairs and International Trade in 1995 after working with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. In Ottawa, her assignments included desk officer with the Peacebuilding and Human Security Division, Summit of the Americas coordinator with the Inter-American Relations Division, deputy director of trade policy and advocacy in the Canada-U.S. Advocacy and Liaison Division and deputy director in the Mexico and North America Division. In 2007, she became director of the Central America and Caribbean Division. This was followed by two more director positions, the first with Inter-American Relations and Regional Policy, the second with South America and Inter-American Relations. In 2009, she became director general of the Task Force on Security Abroad. Ms. Kutz served in Mexico and Argentina as a political officer, returning to Mexico in 2001 to become program manager of the embassy's Political and Congressional Relations Section. In 2010, Ms. Kutz became director general of the Security and Intelligence Bureau. She was subsequently appointed director general of the Geographic Strategy and Services Bureau. She is married to Michael Grant and has two children, Samuel and Benjamin. Ms. Kutz succeeds Anne-Marie Bourcier.

Troy Lulashnyk (BA Honours [Political Science], University of Winnipeg, 1992; MA [Political Studies], University of Manitoba, 1995), joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1999 after working with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission as a nuclear non-proliferation officer and with the Nuclear and Chemical Disarmament Implementation Agency as senior policy adviser. In 2002, he became director of the department's Global Partnership Program and, in 2006, director general of its Major Programs Bureau. Mr. Lulashnyk succeeds Daniel Caron.

Tim Martin (BA [Geography], University of Winnipeg, 1979; MA [Geography], Simon Fraser University, 1983) joined the Canadian International Development Agency in 1983 as a project officer

in the Leeward and Windward Islands Program. After serving abroad in Bridgetown as second secretary (development), and subsequently at Headquarters as a senior project manager in the Central America Division, Mr. Martin moved to the Department of External Affairs and International Trade in 1992. He has since served in Addis Ababa, Ramallah and Nairobi and, in Buenos Aires, as ambassador to Argentina and Paraguay. At Headquarters, he has served as political-economic officer for the Horn of Africa; deputy coordinator, Middle East peace process; director, peacebuilding and human security; and senior director and deputy head of the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force. He became representative of Canada in Kandahar in 2010. He and his spouse, Fatima, have two daughters, Jena and Natasha. Mr. Martin succeeds Geneviève des Rivières.

Robert William Peck (BA [History and Journalism] Concordia University, 1981) joined the Department of External Affairs and International Trade in 1982 as an immigration officer and served abroad in Lagos, Berne and Athens. In Ottawa, he worked in the Media Relations Office and in the Resource Management, Consular Policy and Personnel Assignment divisions. From 1993 to 1995, he was press secretary and departmental spokesman for the secretary of state of external affairs and the minister of foreign affairs. From 2000 to 2002, he was director of corporate communications and investors relations at CAE Inc. He returned to the department in 2002, serving until 2004 as director of the West and Central Africa Division. In 2004, he was appointed ambassador to Algeria, and from 2007 to 2010, he served as chief of protocol of Canada. He is married to Maria Pantazi-Peck. Mr. Peck succeeds Renata Wielgosz.

H. David Plunkett (BA [Political Science], University of British Columbia, 1975; MA [International Relations], University of Nijmegen, 1979) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1981 as a trade policy officer. From 1987 to 1991, he was counsellor at the Permanent Mission to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Geneva. In Ottawa, he was deputy director of the U.S. Trade Policy Division from 1991 to 1993, director of the European Union Division from 1998 to 2001 and director general of bilateral and regional trade policy from 2006 to 2009. He was counsellor for trade policy at the embassy in Washington, D.C., from 1993 to 1997 and minister (commercial and economic) at the high commission in London from 2002 to 2006, then became associate assistant deputy minister and chief negotiator, bilateral and regional trade policy and negotiations. He is married to Hettie Stevens, and they have a son, Jesse. Mr. Plunkett succeeds Ross Hornby.

Hugues Réal Rousseau (BA [Political Science], University of Montreal, 1975) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1976 as a desk officer. From 1977 to 1979, he served at UNESCO in Paris. From 1979 to 1982, he was second secretary in Havana. He returned to Ottawa in 1982, working first in the Latin America and Caribbean Division, then as a manager for assignments, then in the Foreign Intelligence Analysis Unit. From 1987 to 1990, he served as first secretary and consul in Brussels. He worked in the Prime Minister's Office for the 1990 World Summit for Children, then became head of the Foreign Service Recruitment Unit. In 1991, he became deputy director of foreign service assignments and in 1994, director of the Parliamentary Relations and Cabinet Liaison Division and, in 1995, the legislative assistant in the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 1996, he became senior departmental officer in the Office of the Minister of International Cooperation and, in 1998, minister-counsellor in the Embassy to Chile. He was appointed ambassador to Peru and Bolivia in 2001, returning to Ottawa in 2004 to become director general and dean of the Canadian Foreign Service Institute. From 2006 to 2007, he resumed his position in the Office of the Minister of International Cooperation. From 2007 to 2009, he worked on the 12th Francophonie Summit as the federal director general. In 2009, he became minister-counsellor at the Embassy to the United States. His partner is Maryse Harvey, and he has three children: Pierre-Charles, Vanessa and Bianca. Mr. Rousseau succeeds Leeann McKechnie.

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