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Contact:	protocol@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Accreditations – Appointment of H.E. Mr Bruce Baird CHRISTIE as Head of Mission of Canada to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Dan Costello

With reference to the procedure agreed by exchange of letters on 3 and 9 November 1966, you are hereby informed that the Government of Canada intends to appoint H.E. Mr Bruce Baird CHRISTIE as Head of Mission to the European Union to replace H.E. Mr Dan Costello.

- Your tacit agreement will be assumed on 25 August 2019 unless you make specific objections by that date.

Please find attached a copy of the note verbale sent to the Commission by the Mission of Canada to the European Union and the curriculum vitae of H.E. Mr Bruce Baird CHRISTIE.

J. TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN
Secretary-General

- note verbale
- curriculum vitae

NOTE VERBALE

The Mission of Canada to the European Union presents its compliments to the Protocol Service of the European Commission and has the honour to request agrément of the European Commission and the Council of the European Union for the appointment of the new Head of Mission of Canada to the European Union, Mr. Bruce Baird Christie. Mr. Christie's curriculum vitae is attached.

We would like to ask that this request be subject to your accelerated procedure. Your normal procedure taking eight weeks will likely result in a reply during the formal writ period for federal elections to be held in Canada in the fall. The Government of Canada does not normally appoint ambassadors during an electoral campaign, so this could result in a lengthy delay, which would leave the Mission without an ambassador for several months. Given the high importance that Canada attaches to its relationship with the European Union, it is the strong preference of the Government of Canada to have an ambassador in place as soon as possible and especially this fall during an important period of transition for the leadership of European institutions.

The Mission of Canada to the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the European Union the assurances of its highest consideration.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Date of Birth: 1959-03-13

Place of Birth: Montréal, Québec, Canada

Civil Status: Divorced

Education: Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sociology and Political Science, Carleton University (1984); Masters' in Business Administration, University of Ottawa (1990)

Awards: Minister of International Trade Citation for International Commerce (2007) for WTO Ministerial Meeting in Hong Kong.

Deputy Minister's Award for Excellence (2018) awarded to the CPTPP negotiating team.

Languages: English, French

Professional Experience:

Bruce Christie (BA Honours in Sociology and Political Science), Carleton University, 1984; MBA, University of Ottawa, 1990, joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1990-. Since joining the Department he has held a number of senior positions in Ottawa and abroad. During his time at HQ, he was the Associate Assistant Deputy Minister in the Trade Policy and Negotiations Branch during which time he served as Canada's Chief Negotiator for the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (CPTPP), the Canada-Mercosur FTA negotiations, and the Canada-China FTA exploratory discussions from (2017-2019); Canada's Chief Air Negotiator and Director-General of the Intellectual Property, Services and Investment Trade Policy Bureau from (2014-2017); Director of the Regional Trade Policy Division from (2007-2009); Director of the Multilateral Trade Policy Division from (2004-2007); and held positions in the European Union, Japan, and Environment Divisions.

Positions overseas included as the Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization at the Permanent Mission of Canada in Geneva from (2009-2014), during which he served as the Chairman of the WTO Committee on Government Procurement, and as Canada's lead negotiator in the Doha Round non-agricultural market access negotiations as well as on Russia's accession to the WTO. He was also posted to the Canadian Embassy in Sweden from (1998-2002) where he served as the Commercial Counsellor.