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BARBADOS APPOINTS NEW ENVOYS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade is pleased to announce the appointment of Senator K. H. L. “Tony” Marshall as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations office in New York and the appointment of Ms. Yvonne V. Walkes, SCM, JP, as High Commissioner to Canada.

Senator Marshall will replace Mr. Joseph Goddard as Barbados’ Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, while Ms. Walkes will be taking up the position held previously by Mr. Evelyn Greaves as Barbados’ High Commissioner in Ottawa.

Senator Marshall has had long and noteworthy careers as a banker and cricket administrator and has also held many and varied leadership positions across a wide range of endeavours. He has been a Past President of the Barbados Jaycees; President of the Barbados Cricket Association; Executive Director of the West Indies Cricket Board Inc.; Chairman of the National Insurance Board; and Director of the Barbados Association of Retired Persons.

Ms. Walkes has also had a long and highly acclaimed career in which she has held leadership positions and obtained specialized qualifications and professional experience in industrial relations. She has served in the Senate and as President of the National Organisation of Women; as Chairman of the Barbados Accreditation Council; and as a member of the Advisory Council on Gender Affairs.

Senator the Hon. Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, has warmly welcomed the appointment of these distinguished Barbadians to the country’s diplomatic corps. The Minister emphasized her fullest confidence that the work which will be undertaken by the new envoys will be highly instrumental in vigourously advancing Barbados’ interests in the international community as well as in significantly enhancing Barbados’ bilateral relationship with Canada, a long standing partner and ally.

The Ambassador-designate and the High Commissioner-designate are expected to assume their duties at their posts in New York and Ottawa on completion of their orientation which has commenced. (END)