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Machinery of Government Changes

On November 4, 2015 at Rideau Hall, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, presided over the swearing-in ceremony of the Right Honourable Justin P. J. Trudeau, Canada's 23rd prime minister, and the 30 ministers of the 29th Canadian ministry.

As part of the creation of the new ministry, several changes have also been made to the machinery of government to reflect the government's priorities.

The names of several departments are being changed as follows:

- Citizenship and Immigration Canada to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada;
- Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada to Global Affairs Canada;
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada;
- Industry Canada to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada;
- Public Works and Government Services Canada to Public Services and Procurement Canada; and
- Environment Canada to Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Prime Minister Trudeau has taken on special responsibilities in the areas of intergovernmental affairs and youth. Karina Gould, Minister of Democratic Institutions, is responsible for matters relating to the electoral system, including Elections Canada, and is supported by the Privy Council Office.

The Honourable Navdeep Singh Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, leads a strong team of ministers, supported by the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science, and the Honourable Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism.

Minister Bains is also now responsible for:

- the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency;
- the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec;
- the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency;
- the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario;
- Western Economic Diversification Canada; and
- the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario.

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, leads a strong team of ministers, supported by the Honourable Patricia A. Hajdu, Minister of Status of Women, and the

Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, in her role for sport.

Minister Joly is also now responsible for:

- multiculturalism;
- the Canadian Race Relations Foundation;
- the National Capital Commission; and
- the Canadian Secretary to the Queen.

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, leads a strong team of ministers, supported by the Honourable MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, and the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, in her role for persons with disabilities. The name of the department will remain Employment and Social Development Canada.

The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, is now responsible for:

- the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority; and
- the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Initiative.

The Honourable Judy M. Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, is now responsible for:

- the Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board;
- the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Tribunal Canada;
- the Public Service Commission; and
- the Canada Post Corporation.

The Honourable Kent Hehr, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, will work closely with the Honourable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, to ensure Canadian Forces members transition seamlessly to the programs and services of Veterans Affairs Canada.

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