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APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal (the Tribunal) is pleased to announce that the Governor in Council has appointed Ms. Elaine Feldman and Mr. Serge Fréchette as vice-chairpersons of the Tribunal.

Elaine Feldman currently serves as Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Policy and Negotiations, with the federal Department of International Trade. During her time in this post, she served as chief negotiator for Canada for the establishment of the Free Trade Area of the Americas. She was also responsible for the management of the softwood lumber dispute with the United States. Prior to this, she held a number of senior positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, including Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Serge Fréchette is a lawyer specializing in international trade and regulatory affairs. A former senior official with the departments of Justice and Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Mr. Fréchette was involved in negotiations of various international trade agreements, including the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization. He represented Canada and other parties in several matters before the WTO. He has also served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Ottawa and currently operates his own law firm specializing in international trade matters.

The Tribunal is an administrative tribunal operating within Canada's trade remedy system. It is an independent quasi-judicial body that carries out its statutory responsibilities in an autonomous and impartial manner and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Finance.

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