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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE OECD

Mr. Keith Gordon MacInnes, CMG, has taken up his post as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the OECD. He succeeds Ambassador John Gray, who has been appointed Ambassador to Belgium.

Born in 1935, Mr. MacInnes was educated at Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was President of the Cambridge Union Society. He served in Her Majesty's Forces from 1953 to 1955.

He joined the Foreign Office in 1960 and served as Third and later Second Secretary in Buenos Aires. In 1964 he returned to London, becoming Private Secretary to the Permanent Under-Secretary in the Commonwealth Office in 1965.

From 1968 to 1970 he was First Secretary for Information in Madrid, returning to London until 1974 when he became Counsellor and Head of Chancery in Prague. In 1977 he went to the UK Mission in Geneva, becoming Deputy Permanent Representative in 1979.

He returned to London in 1980 as Head of the Foreign and Commonwealth Information Department, and became Assistant Under-Secretary of State and Principal Finance Officer in 1983. From 1987 until his present appointment, he was Ambassador to the Philippines.

Mr. MacInnes is married, with two children.

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