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One of Canada's best journalists and a professional analyst on geo-strategic issues, Jean-François Lépine is also a geopolitical consultant to business and government as well as an international commentator on the 98.5 FM morning show in Montréal. He acted as a Canadian diplomat in China, from October 2015 to June 2021, where he served as the director of the Québec government offices in Beijing, Qingdao, Shanghai and Shenzhen. Before living in China, Jean-François was a partner of Avistra International Inc., a consulting firm on international strategies. He was also chairman of l'Observatoire sur le Moyen-Orient et l'Afrique du Nord (OMAN), a think tank on the Middle East, and the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) as well as a board member of Montréal International. Foreign correspondent for the French and English networks of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) in Beijing, Paris and Jerusalem from 1982 to 1990, Jean-François is known as a great communicator. Between 1990 and 2013, he hosted and created some of the French CBC's best current affairs programs, such as ENJEUX; LE POINT; ZONE LIBRE; and, more recently, the award-winning UNE HEURE SUR TERRE, which also aired throughout the world on TV-5 Monde. Jean-François was appointed Officer of The Order of Canada in June 2012 and Officer of the Order of Québec in June 2022. He was awarded the Medal of Honour of the Québec National Assembly in 2024.