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APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE (IDRC)

OTTAWA — The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of William G. Demas from Trinidad and Tobago to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Mr. Demas, an economist, is currently governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, a position he has held since 1988.

The author of several books and articles on the economic development of small Caribbean states, the new governor was president of the Caribbean Development Bank from 1974 to 1988 and secretary general of the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). From 1959 to 1969, Mr. Demas held various posts with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, with the Ministry of Finance, as permanent secretary to the Minister of Planning and Development, and as economic advisor to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Demas has had numerous international assignments including Chairman of the ministerial commission to review the functioning of East African Community. He has been a member and an advisor to several United Nations organizations such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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