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APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the appointment of Herb Breau, Jacques Gérin, Donna Soble Kaufman and Dr. Olav Slaymaker to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) along with the reappointment of Dr. Albert J. Butros, a Board member since 1986. Board members serve a four-year term.

Mr. Breau was a Member of Parliament from 1968 to 1984, representing the former New Brunswick riding of Gloucester, now known as Acadie-Bathurst. Mr. Gérin, an engineer, is currently President of Hatch & Associés Inc., a consulting firm providing environmental technology and engineering services to industry and governments. Ms. Soble Kaufman is a lawyer with the firm Stikeman, Elliott in Montreal. Dr. Slaymaker is currently Associate Vice-President, Research (Humanities, Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Initiatives) and Professor, Department of Geography, at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Butros was, until recently, the Jordanian Ambassador to the United Kingdom; he has since returned to academic life.

The IDRC is a Crown corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970. It assists developing countries to find their own solutions to development problems through research. The IDRC gives support directly to Third World institutions whose research focuses primarily on meeting the basic needs of people in overcoming the problems of poverty. At the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, the IDRC's mandate was broadened to emphasize sustainable development issues. The IDRC's international network and expertise is used to help the world move on the implementation of the Summit's Agenda 21 program of action.

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