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

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today the appointments of four new members to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). They are Sir Shridath Ramphal of Guyana, Dr. Saisuree Chutikul of Thailand, Mrs. Niki Goulandris of Greece, and Mrs. Marie-Angélique Savané of Senegal.

The Minister also announced the renewal of the four-year term of Marcel Massé on the Board of Governors of IDRC. Mr. Massé is President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The International Development Research Centre was created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to stimulate and support scientific and technical research by developing countries for their own benefit. Support is given directly to Third World institutions, which primarily focus their research on meeting the basic needs of the population and overcoming the problems of poverty.

Although research is undertaken by Third World recipients, some of the activities are undertaken in Canadian partnerships. Since 1970, IDRC has collaborated with 45 academic institutions (universities, institutes and colleges) and 58 other Canadian organizations (associations, non-governmental organizations and private industry).

The Centre's budget for the fiscal year 1992-93 will be approximately \$115 million. It is IDRC's policy to allocate 18 per cent of its program budget to collaboration activities with Canadian institutions and the private sector.