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CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

The Honourable Jean Chretien, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced the proclamation of the Act establishing the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security effective today.

The creation of this Institute, which was achieved through a consensus of all parties in Parliament, is an important step for Canada. It is Canada's way of injecting fresh ideas and developing new and better solutions for a world troubled by contlict and uncertainty.

The Institute, which is to be independent of government, will seek to increase knowledge and understanding of the issues relating to international peace and security from a Canadian perspective, with particular emphasis on arms control, disarmament, defence and conflict resolution. It will foster, fund and conduct research on matters relating to peace and security. It will promote scholarship in this field and will study and propose ideas and policies for the enhancement of international peace and security. It will also collect and disseminate information on issues of international peace and security and encourage public discussion.

Fourteen distinguished Canadians have agreed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Institute. They are:

Dr. Norman Z. Alcock, President, World Federalists of Canada;

Mr. William H. Barton, former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations;

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