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Corporate Commitment to Information Management and Technology

presentation by Chief Information Officer

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am very pleased with the Executive Committee's recent commitment to support information management and technology," said Richard Kohler, **DFAIT's new Chief Information** Officer (CIO) and Director General of the Information Management and Technology Bureau (SXD). "The decision is good news for FAIT. IMT is critical to how we as a Department respond to the changing global environment, and this commitment reflects a recognition on the part of senior management that the Department must invest in IMT to meet its present and future business objectives."

on the future of IMT

In practical, day-to-day terms, this investment means that the Department will have sufficient resources to maintain and protect its infrastructure and to deliver seven initiatives that have

been identified as essential by managers and staff across the Department: a cyclical upgrade/replacement program for hardware and software; micromission connectivity; new messaging and collaborative software; improved document management; increased MITNET bandwidth and other telecommunications improvements; enhanced client service; and enhanced secure systems.

To learn more about the future of IMT in the Department and what it will mean to you, we encourage you to attend a presentation given by Mr. Kohler at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, in the Cadieux Auditorium of the Lester B. Pearson Pearson Building. A videotape of the presentation will be sent to missions.

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Peter F. Drucker

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