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

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today the appointment of Lucille M. Mair, of Jamaica, to the Board of Governors of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Dr. Mair has a Ph.D. in history and is a consultant on Women and Development Studies at the University of West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. She is a specialist in the role of women in development. Dr. Mair has occupied a number of senior Jamaican and United Nations diplomatic posts including Secretary-General of the United Nations International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Special Advisor to UNICEF on Women's Development, Secretary-General of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women and Jamaican Ambassador to the Republic of Cuba.

Mr. Clark also announced the renewal of the terms of five other members of the Board of Governors of IDRC. Dr. Anne-Claude Bernard-Bonnin, of Canada, a pediatric specialist at Sainte-Justine Hospital in Montreal; Dr. Albert J. Butros, an educator and linguist who is now Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; Dr. Walter Kamba, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Zimbabwe in Harare; and Dr. Sadako Ogata, Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Studies of Sophia University in Tokyo, were all re-appointed for a 4-year term.

Dr. Janet Wardlaw, Chairman of IDRC's Board of Governors, was re-appointed as Chairman for a 2-year period. Dr. Wardlaw, of Canada, is an educator and nutritionist and is currently at the University of Guelph, Ontario.

Through support for research, IDRC assists developing countries in creating their own long-term solutions to pressing development problems. IDRC policies are set by a 21-member international Board of Governors, 11 of which are Canadian.