

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Honourable Don Jamieson, today announced the appointment of Maurice F. Strong to the 21-member Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre.

The IDRC is a public corporation, established by an Act of Canadian Parliament in 1970 to support research designed to adapt science and technology to the specific needs of developing countries. In accordance with the Act, Governors are appointed by the Government of Canada.

Eleven of the Governors, including the Chairman and Vice Chairman, must be Canadian citizens. It has become the practice to draw the other ten Governors from among people from other countries who have made notable contributions in the field of international development. Six of them are from developing countries.

Louis Rasminsky, the former Governor of the Bank of Canada, has been the Chairman of IDRC Board of Governors since March 1973. He succeeded the late Lester B. Pearson, who was the first Chairman.

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Biographic details of the new Governor and the Board follow.