

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of six Governors -- three Canadian and three non-Canadian -- to the 21-member Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre.

The six new Governors are Norman T. Currie, of Toronto; Dr. Clarence L. Gosse, of Halifax; Aklilu Habte, of Ethiopia; Archie R. Micay, of Winnipeg; Theodore W. Schultz, of the United States; and His Excellency Soedjatmoko, of Indonesia.

The Centre was created by Act of the Canadian Parliament in 1970 to support research designed to adapt science and technology to the specific needs of the developing regions of the world as determined by them. The Act established the Centre as a public corporation, and provided that its Board of Governors would be appointed by the Canadian Government. It also provided that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and nine other Governors must be Canadian citizens.

On the Centre's first Board (1970-72) the other 10 Governors were drawn from other countries, including six from developing countries. This practice has been continued through the new appointments.

Governors are appointed for a four-year term, but on the first Board six Governors were appointed for only two years, and another six Governors for three years, to ensure a measure of continuity. It is to replace the first six Governors who retired under this rotation system last October that today's appointments were made.

In March the Secretary of State announced the appointment of Louis Rasminsky, the former Governor of the Bank of Canada, as Chairman of the IDRC Board of Governors to succeed the late Lester B. Pearson who held the post of Chairman until his death last December.

The Governors of this autonomous corporation meet twice yearly to set the priorities of the Centre and to approve projects. In the first 2½ years of operation the IDRC Board approved support for 99 projects involving grants totalling \$13.4 million.

-- Some biographical details of the six Governors follow.