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APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointments of a Canadian, Jean-Guy Paquet, and a Costa Rican, Clara Zomer, to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Mr. Paquet has a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and was Rector of Laval University in Quebec City from 1977 to 1987. He is President and Chief Operating Officer of the Laurentian Life Insurance Company. Dr. Paquet has served on many scientific and academic boards. He is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology, appointed by the Prime Minister of Canada.

Clara Zomer, a civil engineer and economist, is currently a professor at the University of Costa Rica. Mrs. Zomer has held directorship position in several organizations including the Planning Office for Higher Education, the Costa Rican Association of University Chancellors and the National Institute of Housing and Urban Development. She has worked in several Latin American countries and has participated in meetings of the U.N. Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mr. Clark also announced the renewal of the terms of Margaret Catley-Carlson, Dr. Peter S. Larkin and Dr. Alexander A. MacDonald, for a second four-year period.

Mrs. Catley-Carlson is President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

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Dr. Larkin is Vice-President (Research) at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. MacDonald, a sociologist, is Director of the Coady International Institute in Antigonish, Nova-Scotia.

The IDRC is a public corporation created by the Parliament of Canada to stimulate and support scientific and technical research by developing countries for their own benefit. IDRC policies are set by a 21-member international Board of Governors, 11 of which are Canadian.