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

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today the appointment of three new members to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre. The re-appointment of two Governors was also announced.

The new Governors are Gordon Osbaldeston of Ottawa, Rolland P. Poirier of Ste-Foy, Quebec and Yelavarthy Nayudamma of New Delhi, India. The Governors re-appointed are Gelia J. Castillo of Los Banos, Philippines and Carl-Goran Heden of Stockholm, Sweden.

The International Development Research Centre is a public corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to enhance the research competence of scientists in the developing countries. It does so through support of research designed to adapt science and technology to the needs of the developing countries. The Act of Parliament establishing the Centre provided for a Board of Governors of 21 persons, to be appointed by the Government of Canada. Eleven of the Governors, including the Chairman, must be Canadian citizens. It has been the consistent practice to draw the other Governors internationally from persons, many of them in developing countries, who have made notable contributions in the field of development.

Brief biographic notes on the appointees follow:

Dr. Yelavarthy Nayudamma (India) a chemist, is Vice-Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and formerly "Distinguished Scientist" of the Central Leather Research

Institute in Madras. He is President of the Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries, International Council of Scientific Unions and President of the Institute of Chemists.

Mr. Gordon F. Osbaldeston (Canada) a senior public servant, is presently Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Formerly he served as Secretary of the Ministry of State for Economic Development, Deputy Minister of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Secretary of the Treasury Board and Deputy Minister of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Dr. Rolland P. Poirier (Canada) is a former public servant and agricultural scientist. Until 1981 he was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Corporation. Prior to that he served as Vice President at the Canadian International Development Agency, and as Assistant Deputy Minister in the Department of Agriculture. Before joining the Public Service, Dr. Poirier was Founding Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Laval University.