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## APPOINTMENTS TO IDRC BOARD

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced the appointment of Dr. A. C. Bernard-Bonnin to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Dr. Bernard-Bonnin, a pediatric specialist, is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. She is in charge of pediatric training at the Université de Montréal's Faculty of Medicine and also practises pediatric medicine at the Hôpital Sainte-Justine in Montréal.

Dr. Bernard-Bonnin has worked in Mauritania, Guatemala and Cameroon. At the Université de Yaoundé in Cameroon, Dr. Bernard-Bonnin was Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Assistant Coordinator of fourth-year medical students. At the same time, she practised pediatric medicine at the Hôpital Central de Yaoundé, where she directed the hospital's Pediatric Unit.

Dr. Bernard-Bonnin has participated in international medical conferences in Africa and Latin America, and assisted with such projects as organizing the National School of Nurses and Midwives at Nouakchott in Mauritania.

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Recently Mr. Clark also announced the appointment of Dr. M.G.K. Menon to the Board of Governors of IDRC.

Dr. M.G.K. Menon is the science adviser to Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and a member of India's Planning Commission. Dr. Menon's career in physics includes 20 years with the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, nine years as director. He was scientific adviser to the Ministry of Defence from 1974 to 1978, after which he was appointed director-general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (to 1981), secretary to the National Department of Science and Technology (to 1982) and chairman of the Committee for Additional Sources of Energy (1981 to 1982). Dr. Menon is the recipient of many awards for science, including the Khaitan Medal (Royal Asiatic Society, 1973) and the GP Challenge Award (Indian Science Congress Association, 1984), and holds many honorary doctorates and fellowships.

IDRC is a corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to stimulate and support research designed to adapt science and technology to the needs of developing countries. By statute, the Centre is independent of the government of Canada but is answerable to Parliament. Its policies are determined by its international Board of Governors.