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APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN
INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of Mr. Bernard Wood as Executive Director and Member of the Board of the Directors of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS). Mr. Wood will succeed the first and current Executive Director, Mr. Geoffrey Pearson. The appointment is for a five year term commencing February 1, 1989, and, in accordance with the Act establishing the Institute, was made after consultations with the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Leader of the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Wood is the founding and current Director and Chief Executive Officer of the North-South Institute in Ottawa, established in 1976 as a non-profit policy research organization concerned with the relationships between industrialized and developing countries. Prior to that, Mr. Wood was Deputy Director of the Parliamentary Centre for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in Ottawa. In diverse other capacities he has rendered valued public service both nationally and internationally. He served in 1985-86 as Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of Canada to leaders of Commonwealth States preparatory to Heads of Government meetings on Southern Africa and in 1980-82 he was the Canadian Member of the UN Secretary-General's Group of Governmental Experts on the Relationship Between Disarmament and Development. He is married with two children.

In announcing this appointment, Mr. Clark expressed his deep appreciation to Mr. Geoffrey Pearson for his imagination, skill, and dedication in presiding over and effectively guiding the activities of the Institute in its critically important early years.

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Mr. Clark observed that, "under the capable direction of Mr. Pearson, the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security has already become a well-established and respected institution which is making a valued contribution to the quality of discussion in Canada on international peace and security issues. I am confident that under the direction of Mr. Wood, already widely respected for his experience with and knowledge of the complexities of the international scene, the Institute will build on its strengths and fully meet the purposes for which it was established by Parliament".