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CO-CHAIRS ANNOUNCED FOR SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL FORUM ON CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, Defence Minister David Collenette and International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren today announced that Wilfrid Laurier University President and Vice-Chancellor Lorna Marsden and Northern Telecom President and Chief Executive Officer Jean Monty will act as co-chairpersons of the Second Annual National Forum on Canada's International Relations to be held September 10-11, 1995, in Toronto.

This year's Forum is being organized by a consortium of Toronto institutions active in the field of foreign policy, led by the University of Toronto's Centre for International Studies. Some 90 people from across Canada, connected to business, labour, academia, the media, Aboriginal affairs, government and non-governmental organizations are expected to participate. Each has been invited on the basis of knowledge and experience.

The theme of the 1995 Forum is *Canada and International Institutions: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century*. The Forum will provide an opportunity for Canadians to consider and offer views on the effectiveness of international institutions in preventing conflict, responding rapidly to new and existing conflicts and peace-building. These three elements will be examined from the standpoints of trade and economic relations, sustainable development, peace and security, and culture and communications.

The National Forum provides an opportunity for ongoing public input to the Government's foreign policy review process. The purpose of the process is to ensure that foreign policy is formulated with public input and that implementation can benefit from ongoing assessment in an era of constant change in the international environment.

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Process

The Second Annual National Forum on Canada's International Relations is an important dimension of the Government's foreign policy review process. The First National Forum, held in March 1994, contributed to the Government's Foreign Policy Statement issued in February 1995 and to the Government's Defence White Paper issued in December 1994. The Foreign Policy Statement identified three priorities for Canada's foreign policy: the promotion of prosperity and employment, the protection of our security within a stable global framework and the projection of Canadian values and culture abroad. The purpose of the foreign policy review process is to ensure that policy formulation receives public input and that implementation of Canada's foreign policy is subject to ongoing assessment in an era of constant change in the international environment.

Theme

In the context of the G-7 Summit hosted by Canada in Halifax, which addressed key international institutional issues, and in anticipation of the United Nations' 50th anniversary on October 24, it is appropriate for the Second National Forum to focus on Canada's role within the international institutional framework at the cusp of the 21st century. The Forum will provide a valuable opportunity for the Government to seek the advice of Canadians on how international institutions are performing and where changes should be proposed, particularly in light of resource constraints affecting many industrialized nations, including Canada.

Organization

This year's Forum is being organized by a consortium of Toronto institutions active in the foreign policy field. Led by the University of Toronto's Centre for International Studies, this consortium includes the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, the Centre for Strategic Studies, York University, the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research and the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies. The consortium has worked in close consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Department of National Defence and the Canadian International Development Agency.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

LORNA R. MARSDEN

Lorna Marsden is President and Vice-Chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. She was appointed to this position in 1992 after 20 years as Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto, where she also held several senior administrative positions.

From 1984 to August 1992, Dr. Marsden also served as Senator in the Parliament of Canada representing Ontario. In the Senate, she chaired the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, and served on the National Finance Committee and on the Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee.

Born in Sidney, British Columbia, Lorna Marsden received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto in 1968, and her Ph.D. in Sociology from Princeton University in 1972. From 1982 to 1992, she was a Senior Fellow at Massey College, University of Toronto, where she remains as a continuing Fellow. She has published extensively on labour force, gender, and work and occupational issues.

Dr. Marsden is a Director of Manulife Financial, Westcoast Energy Inc., the Laidlaw Foundation, and the Institute for Work and Health, and she sits on the Research Council of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

JEAN C. MONTY

Jean C. Monty is President and Chief Executive Officer of Northern Telecom Limited. Prior to joining Northern Telecom in October 1992, Mr. Monty was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bell Canada. He has held various positions in the BCE group including Executive Vice President at BCE Inc. responsible for BCE's investments in Teleglobe, BCE Mobile and Bell Canada International.

In addition to his position on the Board of Directors of Northern Telecom Limited, Mr. Monty is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Montreal, SNC-Lavalin, and the supervisory board of the Lagardère Groupe in Paris.

Mr. Monty has been named a Member of the Order of Canada for his contributions to business, policy, and community affairs. He is a member of the Business Council on National Issues, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Conference Board of Canada, and a member of the Canadian government's International Trade Advisory Committee. He also serves on the international advisory board of l'École des hautes études commerciales in Montreal.

Mr. Monty holds a B.A. and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Western Ontario, and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago.