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

OTTAWA — The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of William G. Demas from Trinidad and Tobago to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Mr. Demas, an economist, is currently governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, a position he has held since 1988.

The author of several books and articles on the economic development of small Caribbean states, the new governor was president of the Caribbean Development Bank from 1974 to 1988 and secretary general of the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). From 1959 to 1969, Mr. Demas held various posts with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, with the Ministry of Finance, as permanent secretary to the Minister of Planning and Development, and as economic advisor to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Demas has had numerous international assignments including Chairman of the ministerial commission to review the functioning of East African Community. He has been a member and an advisor to several United Nations organizations such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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Mr. Clark also announced the renewal of the terms of Robert McGinnis and Gerald Helleiner for another four-year term and Francis Keppel for a two-year period.

Mr. McGinnis is Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba. Mr. Helleiner is a professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Toronto and Mr. Keppel is Senior Lecturer on Education at Harvard University.

IDRC is a public corporation created by the Parliament of Canada to stimulate and support scientific research by developing countries for their own benefit. Since its creation in 1970, IDRC has funded more than 3900 projects in more than 100 countries. IDRC policies are set by a 21-member international Board of Governors, 11 of which are Canadian.