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SPECIAL RAPORTEURS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for External Relations, the Honourable Monique Landry, announced today the appointment of two distinguished Canadians to advise the government on the form and mandate of an international institute for cooperation with third world countries in the area of human rights and democratic development.

The proposal for the institute was made by the Special Parliamentary Committee on Canada's international Relations, jointly chaired by Senator Jean-Maurice Simard and Tom Hockin, M.P., and accepted in the government's response to the Committee's Report.

Professor Gisèle Côté-Harper, Professor of Law, Laval University; Vice-President Canadian Human Rights Foundation; former member, United Nations Human Rights Committee; and Dr. John Courtney, Professor of Political Science, University of Saskatchewan, President-elect, Canadian Political Science Association, Councillor, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, have been named Special Rapporteurs for the creation of an institute.

Professor Côté-Harper and Dr. Courtney will consult with a wide range of Canadian groups and individuals involved in development cooperation, human rights, democratic

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development and economic cooperation and make recommendations on the way in which an institute can best be developed to contribute effectively to the strengthening of human rights and democratic institutions and practices in developing countries.

Canadian organizations and individuals are invited to submit in writing any comments and suggestions on the mandate and operations of the proposed institute to:

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