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

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today the appointments of four new members to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). They are Sir Shridath Ramphal of Guyana, Dr. Saisuree Chutikul of Thailand, Mrs. Niki Goulandrīs of Greece, and Mrs. Marie-Angélique Savané of Senegal.

The Minister also announced the renewal of the four-year term of Marcel Massé on the Board of Governors of IDRC. Mr. Massé is President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The International Development Research Centre was created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to stimulate and support scientific and technical research by developing countries for their own benefit. Support is given directly to Third World institutions, which primarily focus their research on meeting the basic needs of the population and overcoming the problems of poverty.

Although research is undertaken by Third World recipients, some of the activities are undertaken in Canadian partnerships. Since 1970, IDRC has collaborated with 45 academic institutions (universities, institutes and colleges) and 58 other Canadian organizations (associations, non-governmental organizations and private industry).

The Centre's budget for the fiscal year 1992-93 will be approximately \$115 million. It is IDRC's policy to allocate 18 per cent of its program budget to collaboration activities with Canadian institutions and the private sector.

The International Development Research Centre policies are set by a 21-member international Board of Governors, eleven of whom are Canadian.

A short biography of each new member of the IDRC Board of Governors is attached.

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BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NEW MEMBERS  
OF THE IDRC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sir Shridath Ramphal, formerly Secretary General of the Commonwealth, now leads the West Indian Commission, established by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to chart a plan for the greater integration of the Caribbean countries. Sir Shridath has had a long political career and has been a member of many international commissions, including the Brandt Commission on International Development Issues, the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Bruntland Commission), and the Independent Commission of the South on Development Issues.

Dr. Saisuree Chutikul is currently Inspector General attached to the Office of the Prime Minister of Thailand. Until recently, she was Minister of State with primary responsibility for all issues relating to women, youth and education. She serves as Chairperson of the National Consumer Protection Commission and as Vice-Chairperson of the National Commissions on Youth and the Promotion of Women. Dr. Chutikul has devoted her career in the public domain in the field of education and psychology. She has a PhD in Educational Psychology from Indiana University.

Dedicated to the environment, Mrs. Niki Goulandris is at the forefront of numerous public awareness campaigns for the protection of the environment and of nature in Europe. In recognition of her contributions, she was awarded the 1990 "Woman of Europe" prize. She is Vice-President of the Goulandris Natural History Museum, which is famous worldwide for its scientific research on the Mediterranean environment. Previously, Mrs. Goulandris served as Vice-President of the Hellenic Radio and Television Organization, as well as Deputy Minister for Social Services.

Mrs. Marie-Angélique Savané is highly regarded internationally for her efforts in promoting the economic and social development of West Africa. She is currently a special advisor to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and is a member of the advisory committees of the International Labour Organization and the UN Fund for Population Activities. She is a member of the governing bodies of the Society for International Development in Rome and of the Association of African Women for Research and Development. Mrs. Savané graduated from the Sorbonne in developmental sociology.