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Mosaic Institute Announces Formation of Advisory Council

Toronto, September 27, 2007 -- Mr. Vahan Kololian and Dr. Alidad Mafinezam, respectively the Chairman and the Director of Research at the Mosaic Institute, today announce the formation of the Institute's ten-member Advisory Council. It is composed of distinguished Canadians from diverse backgrounds, all of whom share a passion for global affairs and Canada's evolving role in it.

"We are very pleased to have such leaders with tremendous knowledge of international affairs lend their support to the Mosaic Institute," said Kololian. "We look forward to benefiting from their insights into global issues, particularly relating to bringing peace and development to conflict ridden areas of the world and the role Canada can play. Canada, as a country, has the credibility and the potential to be a leader in this area."

"Over the past two years, diaspora studies have become a key component of the discussion of international peace and development," said Mafinezam. "Many of the world's leading universities and multilateral organizations, as well as numerous governments, have begun dedicating significant resources to the public policy implications of diaspora communities and trans-nationalism. The discussion of diversity is no longer limited to domestic affairs; it is now germane to Canada's foreign relations as well."

The Mosaic Institute is focused on utilizing Canada's diversity for promoting international peace and development. Based in Toronto, one of the world's most diverse and multicultural cities, the Institute undertakes original research and convenes focus groups, seminars, and conferences on pluralism and global affairs, harnessing the global knowledge possessed by Canada's diaspora communities to address conflict areas in the world.

Below are brief bios of the Institute's Advisory Council.

Mohammad Al Zaibak is President and Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Development and Marketing Corporation, and CDM Information Inc. Both companies are involved in the development, financing, ownership and management of specialized IT services. In his 25-year business career, he has been a founder or principal architect of several technology-based companies. He has served on the boards of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, as Chairman of its International Strategy Advisory Committee and a Member of its e-Commerce Committee. He is a founding patron of Luminato, the first Toronto Festival of Arts and Creativity. Mr. Al Zaibak is a graduate of Harvard School of Business Administration and holds a B.Sc. Engineering degree in Telecommunications and Electro-Physics, Faculty of Engineering, Alexandria University in Egypt.

Baljit Chadha is President and CEO of Balcop Ltd., a well-established trading house with offices in Montreal, Quebec and Mumbai and New Delhi, India. In 2003, he was appointed as a Member of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), an agency which provides Parliament and the Canadian public with an external review and oversight of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). SIRC also examines reports by Ministers relating to the national security of Canada. Born in Mumbai, India, Mr. Chadha came to Canada in 1973 to study business at the University of Western Ontario and later at Concordia University. Mr. Chadha's dedication to advancing education and trade has given him a distinguished profile in Montreal and throughout Canada. He sits on the Board of Governors of Concordia University, has advised the Office of the Mayor of Montreal on Indo-Canadian affairs, and serves on the Advisory Board of the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Chadha is a member of Canada's Privy Council.

Charles S. Coffey has had a distinguished career in banking and government relations.. Throughout his career, Coffey has made community leadership a priority. Mr. Coffey's efforts on behalf of aboriginal peoples has extended well beyond the parameters of his banking career. Former Grand Chief Phil Fontaine and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs named Charlie Coffey an Honourary Chief for his support of First Nations and their goals of economic development and self-sufficiency. His leadership, proven record and reputation in private, public and not-for-profit sectors across the country, has resulted in several appointments and special honours. Mr. Coffey is chair of the National Advisory Council of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights; Co-Chair Champions, Aboriginal Human Resource Development Council of Canada; Vice Chair, National Aboriginal Economic Development Board; and Governor of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (CCCJ). He is a member of the Order of Canada.

William S. Deluce is an aviation and logistics entrepreneur with broad interests in international affairs. Since 2001, he has been founder and president of Wicklow Consulting Inc, a Canadian company which provides management, consulting and financial advisory services to the Aerospace, Manufacturing and Resources sectors. Prior to that, Mr. Deluce has been founder and CEO of several enterprises, including CSAE Inc., which operates airlines in the Central African countries of Gabon, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and French Congo. In the early 1990s, he founded and served as President of South African Express, a regional feeder airline for South African Airways, which acquired SA Express in 1996. Prior to his airline activities in Africa, Mr. Deluce built and managed successful regional airlines, including Air Ontario, which was acquired by Air Canada in 1986. Mr. Deluce received a BaSc., in Chemical Engineering, University of Toronto. He supports many community projects and is active on several, most notably the Boards of St Michael's Hospital and St Michael's Foundation in Toronto.

Blake C. Goldring is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and a member of the Board of Directors of AGF Management Limited, one of Canada's premier investment management companies with operations across Canada and subsidiaries in Europe and Asia. Named as Chairman in 2006, Chief Executive Officer in 2000 and President in 1997, he has led the growth of AGF's business for over a decade, which today manages over \$50 billion in assets. He holds an Honours BA in Economics from the University of Toronto and a Masters of Business Administration from INSEAD in France. He serves on the Lawrence Centre Advisory Council at the Richard Ivey School of Business and The President's International Alumni Council at the University of Toronto. He is a Director of the Canadian Film Centre and the World Wildlife Fund of Canada. He is a Trustee of the Bishop Strachan School and has served as a Past President of the National Club. Mr. Goldring is an Honourary Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Canada and the founder of Canada Company, which supports the Canadian Forces and whose motto is "many ways to serve." He is also a member of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives.

Margaret O. MacMillan, is a leading Canadian historian and professor who currently heads St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford in the UK. Prior to this position, she was the provost of Trinity College at the University of Toronto. From 1975 to 2002 she was a professor of history at Ryerson University in Toronto. Her doctoral dissertation, completed at Oxford University, was on the social and political perspectives of the British in India. From 1995 to 2003, she was co-editor of the *International Journal*, which is published by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, on whose board she serves. Professor MacMillan is the author of the New York Times bestseller, *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World* (2003), and *Nixon in China: The Week That Changed the World* (2006), among numerous other award-winning publications. She has written prolifically on Canada's international relations. Professor MacMillan serves on the board of the Atlantic Council of Canada, and is a member of Massey College. In 2006, she was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Gordon M. Nixon is President and Chief Executive Officer of RBC Financial Group, which comprises the Royal Bank of Canada and its subsidiaries. Mr. Nixon began his career in 1979 at Dominion Securities in Toronto where he worked in both the Global Markets and Investment Banking divisions. In 1986, he transferred to Tokyo to assume responsibility for the firm's operations in Japan. Dominion Securities was acquired by Royal Bank of Canada in 1987 and Mr. Nixon returned to Toronto in 1989 as a Managing Director of Investment Banking and was responsible for advising a number of the firm's major clients on financing and mergers and acquisitions. In 1995, he was appointed head of Global Investment Banking. Mr. Nixon has been awarded Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year award for 2007. The award, sponsored by The Caldwell Partners International, the National Post and CTV Inc., honours him for his role in leading record-breaking performance at Canada's biggest bank as well as his contribution to healthy debate on matters affecting the whole of Canada's economy. Mr. Nixon has been active in a wide range of community and public policy organizations and is a past Chairman of the United Way of Greater Toronto's Campaign. He is Chairman of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, Co-Chairman of the Toronto Region Research Alliance and is on the Board of Directors of The Hospital for Sick Children, The International Monetary Conference and Catalyst Canada.

Raheel Raza is an award winning writer, diversity consultant and interfaith advocate. Ms. Raza was born in Pakistan, where she received her primary and secondary education in Convent schools. She graduated from Karachi University with a major in English and Psychology. Having travelled extensively throughout South Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Far East and North America, Ms. Raza brings a fresh new global perspective to her mandate, "there is unity in diversity." She has appeared in print, on television and radio to discuss diversity, harmony and interfaith issues. She has made presentations on diversity to Members of Parliament and international diplomats at the House of Commons. Ms. Raza has received many awards for her work to build bridges of understanding. She is a recipient of the City of Toronto's Constance Hamilton award and is the first South Asian woman to narrate a CBC documentary on "Passionate Eye." A fervent advocate for human rights, Ms. Raza is the first Muslim woman in Canada to lead mixed gender prayers. In Canada Ms. Raza speaks regularly at places of worship, the private sector, the Justice Department, School Boards and government institutions.

Edward Safarian, Ph.D. is an internationally renowned economist, teacher and researcher who has made seminal contributions to the study of foreign direct investment and international trade. For these contributions, he was inducted into the Order of Canada in 2005. He is Professor Emeritus of Business Economics at the University of Toronto, and is now based at the University's Rotman School of Management. From 1971 to 1976, he was Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto. He has served as Editor of the Hong Kong Bank of Canada's, Papers on Asia, the Co-Chairman of the Canadian Advisory Board of Encyclopaedia Britannica, a member of the Canadian National Committee on Pacific Economic Co-operation, a Consultant to the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, a member of the Ontario Economic Council, and a Consultant to the Constitutional Review Secretariat of the Privy Council Office in Ottawa. Among his many publications, four books are especially noteworthy: *The Canadian Economy in the Great Depression*, University of Toronto Press 1959; *Foreign Ownership of Canadian Industry*, McGraw-Hill Canada 1966; *Canadian Federalism and Economic Integration, Government of Canada* 1974; and *Multinational Enterprise and Public Policy*, Edward Elgar 1993.

Yuen Pau Woo is President and co-CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. He is Canada's representative on the Standing Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), Director of the APEC Study Centre in Canada, and Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia's Institute of Asian Research. Mr. Woo chairs the PECC *Pacific Economic Outlook* Forecasting Panel and is Coordinator of the annual *State of the Region* report. Mr. Woo is on the Management Boards of National Centres of Excellence in Immigration (UBC and Simon Fraser University) and Emerging Markets (UOttawa), and is an Advisor to the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives at the University of Victoria, the Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Centre, and the Asian Development Bank. He is also on the Editorial Board of *Pacific Affairs*. Mr. Woo was born in Malaysia and grew up in Singapore. He was educated at Lester B. Pearson College, Wheaton College, the University of Cambridge, and the University of London. Mr. Woo has previously worked as a Consultant on International Marine Affairs and as an Economist for the Monetary Authority of Singapore and the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation.

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