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Mosaic Institute Announces Appointment of Executive Director

The Mosaic Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of John Monahan as its Executive Director, effective September 8, 2008.

John joins Mosaic Institute from the Government of Ontario, where he has served most recently as Director of International Representation & Research for the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT). In that capacity, he has been responsible for the expansion, strategic direction and day-to-day management of the Province's network of ten (10) international offices in key world markets. Before assuming that role in 2005, John was Ontario's Senior Economic Officer in New York City, where he ran the Province's office within the Consulate-General of Canada.

A lawyer by profession, John both articulated and practised in the Toronto offices of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP before his posting in New York. Prior to his career in law, John worked for several years as a Senior Consultant with MEDT's Investment Branch, where much of his work focused on attracting economic immigrants to Ontario and encouraging their integration into the provincial economy. John holds a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Toronto's Trinity College, an MPA from Dalhousie University, and a JD from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law.

Vahan Kololian, Chairman of the Mosaic Institute said, "John brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in both the private sector and the public sector. He has a high appreciation for Canada's growing role in world affairs, as advanced by the Mosaic Institute. John is multi-lingual and has worked in a broad range of international assignments. We are delighted to have John join us as our Executive Director."

The Mosaic Institute, established in 2007, undertakes original research and convenes focus groups, seminars, and conferences on pluralism and global affairs among Diaspora communities in Canada. This work is designed to create dialogue and build bridges of interaction and goodwill through bringing together communities in Canada whose countries of origin are in conflict with one another, and to create innovative solutions that can be harnessed to promote peace and development.

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