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## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL

### BODY ON DECOMMISSIONING

The Taoiseach, Mr. John Bruton T.D., and the Prime Minister, Mr. John Major M.P., are very pleased to announce that, following the agreement of Senator George Mitchell to Chair the International Body on the decommissioning of arms, the other two Members have been appointed. General John de Chastelain of Canada and Mr. Harri Holkeri of Finland have very kindly agreed to accept the invitation of the British and Irish Governments to serve on the Body. Both Governments would like to put on record their appreciation to the Members of the Body and are deeply grateful for the support and assistance of the United States, Canadian, and Finnish Governments.

ENDS

30 November 1995

NOTE FOR EDITORS ATTACHED

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1. General A John G D de Chastelain has been the Canadian Chief of Defence Staff since September 1989 except for a year (Jan. 1993 - 1994) when he was Canadian Ambassador to Washington. He has served with the Canadian Army since 1955. Born in 1937, he is married with a son, a daughter and two grand-daughters.
2. Harri H. Holkeri was Prime Minister of Finland between 1987 and 1991 and is presently a member of the Board of the Bank of Finland. He was born in 1937 and is married with two children.
3. The Chairman of the International Body, Senator George Mitchell, was appointed on 28 November.