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CANADIAN HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH FOUNDATION NAMES NEW CEO

OTTAWA (May 5, 2008) – The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation today announced the appointment of Maureen O’Neil as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective September 1st, 2008.

“Canadians should be proud of their healthcare systems, but we still have many opportunities to improve the quality of our health services,” said Sister Elizabeth Davis, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. “As an experienced leader with a track record of building partnerships for both the production and use of research, Maureen is ideally suited for this vital task.”

Ms. O’Neil has been President of the International Development Research Centre since 1997 and will leave that post in June 2008. Her past positions include President of the North-South Institute, Deputy Minister of Citizenship for the Government of Ontario, and Secretary-General of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. She has been a member or chair of numerous boards, including the Advisory Board to the Minister of Foreign Affairs; the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development; Canadian Foundation for the Americas; the Institute for Women, Law and Development; and the Board of Governors of Carleton University.

“I look forward to working with the Foundation’s staff and its partners to continue to improve the evidence base for our policy and management decisions and to enhance the ability of decision makers in Canada’s healthcare systems to be able to use that evidence to improve healthcare for Canadians,” said O’Neil.

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation promotes and funds management and policy research in health services and nursing to increase the quality, relevance and usefulness of this research for health system policy makers and managers. In addition, the Foundation works with these decision makers to support and enhance their use of research evidence when addressing health management and policy challenges.

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