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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights by The Hon. David Kilgour, J.D.

on Sunday, 29 September 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (registration at 2:45 p.m.)

Venue: Rockcliffe Park Community Centre Hall, 380 Springfield Road, Ottawa



Synopsis: The talk will be premised on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 and the widespread perception that for most Canadians all people everywhere should be treated by national and international governments with equal dignity and respect. Three persecuted communities in differing parts of the world will be discussed briefly as case studies from this perspective. Questions and free discussion will follow.

About the Speaker: David Kilgour is the former Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa (1997-2002) and Asia-Pacific (2002-2003) in the cabinet of Prime Minister Jean Chretien. He represented south-east Edmonton in the House of Commons from 1979 to 2006 during eight Parliaments. He was born in 1941 in Winnipeg. Graduating from high school with the Governor General's medal, he studied economics at the University of Manitoba and graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. He later did doctoral studies in constitutional law at the Faculty of Law at the Sorbonne in Paris. Mr. Kilgour's passion for multi-party democracy, human rights and justice for all began in community service. He stepped down as a Member of Parliament in 2006 to become an advocate for human dignity and good governance internationally. He and David Matas were nominated in 2010 for the Nobel Peace Prize for their book, *Bloody Harvest*, and campaign to end party-state-run organ abuse across China. He is a volunteer at the Ottawa Mission for homeless men and a member of its Foundation. He is co-chair of the NGO Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran, a Senior Fellow of both the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights and the Macdonald Laurier Institute. He also sits on the boards of the Helsinki-based First Step Forum, Ethiopiaid Canada, the Educational Foundation of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, and the session of Westminster Church. Along with travel, music and writing, he loves biking. He is married to Laura Scott Kilgour. They have three daughters and a son and live in Ottawa.

About India Canada Friendship Circle

India Canada Friendship Circle (ICFC), a non-profit Canadian organization, operating in Ottawa since 2004 and conducting lectures by prominent speakers, encourages dialogue on India in a non-religious, non-partisan and harmonious environment. The words "friendship" and "circle" in its name convey an explicit desire to forge and maintain close ties among Canadians with an interest in India. ICFC's mission is to promote awareness and dialogue between India and Canada in the areas of philosophy, history, literature, industry, the arts, science and technology through prominent speakers.

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