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announces its lecture event Canada - India Bilateral Relations by Gillian Frost

Executive Director, South Asia Division Global Affairs Canada

on Sunday, 01 December 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (registration begins at 2:30 p.m.)

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



Synopsis: Ms. Frost has been working on Canada-India bilateral relations for over four years, including a 3-year assignment in Delhi as the Political/Economic Counsellor. Ms. Frost will provide a current overview of Canada-India bilateral relations (political, commercial, security), highlighting India's importance for Canada and the region. She will also be happy to share some of her personal experiences while living and working in the region.

About the Speaker: Gillian Frost is the Executive Director of the South Asia Division, covering political/trade/development for India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives. Previously Gillian was the Head of the Political/Economic Section at the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi, with responsibility for Nepal and Bhutan as well. Other assignments overseas included Afghanistan from 2011 to 2013 as Deputy Head of the Political Section, and Geneva from 2006 to 2009 where Gillian worked on disarmament and arms control issues. Previous positions in Ottawa have included: Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Senior Policy Advisor for Canada's chairmanship of the G20 in 2010; and, policy advisor on regional security issues and Asia-Pacific, including the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. Gillian received her Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (specialization in international relations) from the University of Toronto and her Master of Arts in Political Science (specialization in international relations) from McMaster University. She also has a degree in piano performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

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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