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### **APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL TO THE ARAR INQUIRY**

OTTAWA, May 12, 2004 - Mr. Justice Dennis R. O'Connor, Commissioner of the Inquiry into the actions of Canadian officials in relation to Maher Arar announced today the appointment of Mr. Marc David as counsel to the Commission.

Mr. David is a partner with the law firm of Shadley Battista in Montréal. Marc holds an MBA from Concordia University and obtained his law degree from McGill in 1986. He was called to the Quebec Bar in 1987 and he is currently Vice-President of the Criminal Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association.

Mr. David brings to the Commission his experience in the field of criminal justice. Since 1999, Marc teaches criminal law at McGill University. He also taught at the Quebec Bar Admission School from 1997 to 2002. As an expert in the field of criminal justice, he is often called upon to give lectures to various legal bodies such as the Quebec Bar Association and to take part in conferences with members of the judiciary.

Marc has published articles in the field of criminal law. He is also very involved in community activities; he is Chairman of the Board of a foundation that owns two stores specialized in outdoor activities called "La Cordée" affiliated with the Montreal Boy Scout movement.

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Established under Part I of the Inquiries Act, the Arar Inquiry was set up on the recommendation of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness to investigate and report on the actions of Canadian officials in relation to Maher Arar. The Commission is also mandated to recommend an arm's length review mechanism for the activities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with respect to national security.

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