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Mark M. Persaud and The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry

President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian International Peace Project, Mark Persaud, received the 2007 Public Sector Alumni GOLD KEY AWARD from Osgoode Hall Law School today at the Dean's Annual Alumni Reception on May 23, 2007.

This Public Sector Alumni Gold Key Award recognizes the achievements of public sector or government lawyers. The Awards Committee considered the

following criteria in making the selection:

- sustained outstanding service or a specific extraordinary accomplishment;
- significant contributions to social justice or public service;
- recognizable contribution to the Law School and/or the community at large;

The Board of Directors of Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Association created the award known as the Osgoode Hall Law School Alumni Gold Key Award to honour outstanding alumni who have made contributions to the Law School presented annually to honour outstanding alumni. The awards will be given annually and the names of the award recipients will be engraved on a plaque to be permanently displayed at the Law School.

Other Gold Key Award recipients for 2007 are:

Mary Louise Dikson QC, '64 - Achievement
Mahesh Uttamchandani '97 - Recent Graduate
Verlyn F. Francis '95 - Service

The Dianne Martin Medal for Social Justice through Law was presented to Terence Hunter '72.

The Award of Excellence, which was first presented in 1983 and is the highest honour given to alumni of Osgoode Hall Law School was given to The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry '58, Chief Justice of Ontario. The Chief Justice was presented with the Robinette Medal which is named after the first recipient of the Award of Excellence.

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The Canadian International Peace Project (CIPP) is a novel and unique non-partisan organisation that has brought together diverse groups and individuals to work on issues and projects relating to local, national and international peace, security and development . Through partnership on events and projects, the CIPP fosters mutual respect and sustainable relationships among diverse groups including those in conflict with each other.
