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Negotiator appointed into SISIP class action suit

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OTTAWA— The Government of Canada today announced the appointment of Professor Stephen J. Toope, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of British Columbia, as federal representative in negotiations to resolve the Manuge class action, regarding the long term disability benefits to former members of the Canadian Forces (CF).

“The well-being of both our serving and retired members is important for our government,” said Minister MacKay. “This appointment further underlines our intent to work towards a positive resolution in this matter.”

Prior to joining UBC, Professor Toope was President of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, a position he held from 2002 to 2006. From 1994 to 1999, Professor Toope served as the dean of McGill University’s Faculty of Law. Previously, he served as Law Clerk to the Right Honourable Chief Justice Dickson of the Supreme Court of Canada from 1986 to 1987. He continues to conduct research on many aspects of international law and is currently working on issues of human rights and culture, and the origins of international obligation in international society.

If a settlement of the class action is reached between the parties, it will need to be approved by the Federal Court.

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