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THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO THE MILITARY POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

OTTAWA - The Government of Canada today announced the appointment of three new members to the Military Police Complaints Commission, effective immediately: the appointed members are Roy Berlinquette of Ottawa, ON, Bob Bergen of Calgary, AB and Louis Belanger of Sillery, QC.

- Roy V. Berlinquette, a recognized team builder with 36 years of public service with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) emerged from an entry-level position to senior executive levels in corporate, operational and administrative areas to Deputy Commissioner of the North West Region. His recent accomplishments include being a current member of the Office of the Oversight Commission on the Reform of the Police Service of Northern Ireland and Vice-President of a consulting company specializing in risk management, comptrollership and investigations.
- Louis Belanger, currently a 'Université Laval' professor, was also recently past Director of the Quebec Institute for Advanced Political Studies at Laval. Throughout his career, he has held numerous professor and scholarly positions in international and political studies in renowned North American universities. Mr. Bélanger has been a member on various committees for international studies and has authored a significant amount of published articles and collective collaborations on Canadian and International (Americas) issues.
- Robert W. Bergen is currently a professor with the University of Calgary. He has focused his recent research on Air Force strategy and tactics during the 1999 Kosovo Air War and on news media coverage of Canadians' participation in the Kosovo Air War. He is a research fellow with the Canadian Defence & Foreign Affairs Institute. His thousands of articles published during the last four decades have touched on journalism ethics, mass media and the social construction of reality and civil-military relations.

The Military Police complaints Commission is a civilian body, external and independent of the Department of National Defence, established under Part IV of the National Defence Act. Its mandate is to monitor and review complaints about the conduct of the military police in the performance of their policing duties and to deal with complaints of interference in military police investigations. The fundamental role of the Commission is to promote the principles of integrity and fairness and to build a climate of confidence within the Department of National Defence, the Canadian Forces and the Canadian public regarding the operations of the Military Police.

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