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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES PART-TIME APPOINTMENTS TO THE MILITARY POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

The Government of Canada today announced the appointment of Odilon Emond and Henry Kostuck as part-time members of the Military Police Complaints Commission, effective immediately.

Odilon Emond, from Lac Mégantic, Québec, has 35 years experience in police services. He began his career in 1963 with the Sherbrooke Police Department, where he served for 12 years. In 1975, he joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Over the course of the next 23 years, he held positions of increasing responsibility, including Head, Police Division with Interpol; Director, Criminal Intelligence Directorate in Ottawa; Director, International Liaison and Protective Operations Directorate; and Assistant Commissioner and Commanding Officer of “C” Division in Quebec. Mr. Emond retired from the RCMP in 1998.

Henry Kostuck, from Orleans, Ontario, has over 40 years experience in the area of law enforcement. He joined the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) in 1956. He served with the O.P.P. for over 30 years, where he rose to the rank of Chief Superintendent. In 1985, he was appointed as Head of the Field Operations Division in Toronto, a position he held until his retirement in 1988. Since his retirement from the O.P.P., Mr. Kostuck has been serving as an Investigator and Special Advisor to the Commission for Complaints Against the RCMP.

The Military Police Complaints Commission (MPCC) is a quasi-judicial civilian body, external and independent from 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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