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Royal Commonwealth Society of Canada sends representative to the inaugural Commonwealth Women's Forum in Malta

Montreal - Judith Elson, Chair of the Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS) of Canada, will be attending the Women's Commonwealth Forum 22-24 November prior to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Malta November 27-29. Her particular interest in the Women's Forum is in the sphere of early and forced marriage, an issue in which she has been interested and involved with for many years.

The inaugural Commonwealth Women's Forum aims to raise awareness of women's issues in Commonwealth countries and show how women's contributions can have a positive impact politically, economically and socially. It is being organized in collaboration with the gender section of the Commonwealth Secretariat, will discuss the impact women have on their communities, their countries and the world. Participants will craft an Outcome Document stemming from their discussions to present to Commonwealth leaders at the CHOGM later in the month.

Born and educated in England, Judith has travelled widely and now lives in Montreal, where she was Chair of the Montreal Branch of the RCS for many years. She also coordinated the Royal Commonwealth Essay Competition during that time. Judith currently serves as a judge for the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition at the senior level.

Judith is involved in other organizations, which gives her opportunities to promote the Commonwealth and everything for which it stands. She believes it is important to be informed about all the Commonwealth countries and to spread that information as widely as possible. At the Commonwealth Women's Forum, Judith expects to meet many delegates informally as well as in the plenary sessions and workshops to discuss a wide range of interconnecting women's issues across the Commonwealth.

About RCS Canada

The Royal Commonwealth Society of Canada (RCS) is both a learned Society and club, non-partisan, independent of governments and supported solely by public generosity. The RCS engages with its youth, civil society, business and government networks to address issues that matter to the Citizens of the Commonwealth. Its primary focus is to the promotion of young people throughout the Commonwealth. For more information, please visit www.rcs.ca.

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