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WATERLOO, ON, November 4, 2005 –The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), a leading Canadian think tank devoted exclusively to the study of international affairs, has selected a Creative Commons (CC) license for its IGLOO™ initiative (International Governance Leaders and Organizations Online). IGLOO (www.theigloo.org) is an online research portal for strengthening international governance research, a project supported by over 55 worldwide partners including Ontario's Ministry of Research and Innovation.

Creative Commons CEO & Chairman of the Board Lawrence Lessig, said, "A free and more immediate attitude in sharing research, as exemplified by IGLOO, will place more value on the quality of ideas and encourage more rigorous and informed debates. Creative Commons is excited that its tools can facilitate the availability and accessibility of research and ideas via IGLOO enabling perspectives from different parts of the world to be represented in and influenced by the open sharing of ideas."

Dan Latendre, CIGI's Chief Information Officer, added, "The CC license is bound to change the way researchers distribute their findings. This licence lends to the immediacy that is necessary for international governance research to have a more profound and pressing effect."

CIGI's aim is to heighten access to knowledge for all individuals regardless of borders of important works relative to international governance via the IGLOO research portal. CIGI selected the Creative Commons license because it assures access, both technically and legally. The CC license asserts the author's copyright, but signals certain uses that the author intends to authorize without the need to secure permission first.

The goal of IGLOO is to create global connections between people, processes and information to further advance research on many topics of global importance. IGLOO will help stimulate innovative solutions to the economic, financial and social governance challenges facing our world today.

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IGLOO was launched on October 21 at the CIGI'05 international governance conference (www.cigi05.org). The conference engaged accomplished researchers, business leaders and policy makers from around the world to discuss and advance issues of critical global importance.

About CIGI

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) is a Canadian- based international think tank founded in 2002. CIGI conducts research and advises on issues of international governance and multilateral system reform. CIGI's mission is to become a leading global resource on governance for academic researchers, public officials, civil society organizations, NGOs (non governmental organizations), post-secondary students and the interested public. CIGI acknowledges the contribution of the Government of Canada to its endowment fund. Visit www.cigionline.org online.

About IGLOO

IGLOO is an online research portal created by CIGI and its partners. IGLOO aggregates high quality information, knowledge and ideas from around the world related only to international governance issues and makes it accessible in one centralized location. Academics, practitioners or researchers focusing in specific fields of international governance can use IGLOO as a global information and collaboration tool for accessing, sharing and disseminating governance information, research and knowledge regardless of geographic location. Visit www.theigloo.org.

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