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Vimy Foundation announces Stéphan Crétier and Stéphanie Maillery Peace Circle at its Centennial Park, in France

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The Vimy Foundation is proud to announce that the visitors to the Centennial Park in Vimy, France, may enjoy the tranquility of the **Stéphan Crétier and Stéphanie Maillery Peace Circle** as soon as next fall. The Stéphan Crétier Foundation recently confirmed the funding of this new landscape development.

The Stéphan Crétier and Stéphanie Maillery Peace Circle will be situated at the heart of the Vimy Foundation Centennial Park. It will embody both core missions of the Park; creating a reflective space for remembrance of those Canadians who served and were killed at Vimy Ridge (and other sites during the First World War), and as a symbol of Peace and Reconciliation.

‘The Foundation has excellent partners in Mr. Crétier, Mrs. Maillery and the Stéphan Crétier Foundation. They have been important contributors to our efforts to build the Vimy Visitors Education Centre at the Vimy Monument in 2017 and we are extremely pleased to be able to continue to support their vision of peace and dialogue within the Vimy Foundation Centennial Park.’

- Christopher Sweeney, Chair, Board of Directors, The Vimy Foundation

‘The sacrifice that Canadian soldiers made at Vimy in 1917 was certainly not in vain; their decisive victory greatly contributed to Canada being recognized on the world stage and marked a turning point in the development of our national identity. It is a privilege for us to support the Vimy Foundation in preserving the memories of our troops, and promoting peace and harmony for future generations.’

- Stéphan Crétier & Stéphanie Maillery

Visitors to the Park will be able to use the seating area to view the National Canadian Vimy Memorial, within a grove of oak trees, and contemplate the cost of the war and the peace that is now part of the experience of the Vimy site.

About the Stéphan Crétier Foundation

The Stéphan Crétier Foundation is a Canadian charitable organization established in 2006 by Stéphan Crétier and Stéphanie Maillery. Global citizens residing in Dubai since 2010, Mr. Crétier and Ms. Maillery have not forgotten their Canadian roots. The Foundation’s mission is to give back to the community by supporting various Canadian not-for-profit organizations. Furthermore, the Foundation operates the Bolo Program, an innovative and results-driven project focusing on public safety awareness as well as the public’s assistance in locating Canada’s most wanted fugitives. Stéphan Crétier is the Founder, Chairman, President and CEO of GardaWorld, one of the world’s



leading private security corporations, with over 122,000 dedicated professionals active in 45 countries. For more information, visit: <https://fondationcretier.org/en/>

About The Vimy Foundation

The Vimy Foundation is a leading voice on the First World War in Canada. The Foundation works to preserve and promote Canada's ongoing legacy of leadership as symbolised by the First World War victory at Vimy Ridge in April 1917, a milestone where Canada came of age and was recognised on the world stage.

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