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**CSIS STATESMEN'S FORUM**

**FEATURING:**

**The Right Honorable Don McKinnon**  
*Secretary-General, The Commonwealth*

*on the topic*

***Building Sustainable Democracies:  
The Commonwealth Way***

**INTRODUCTION BY:**

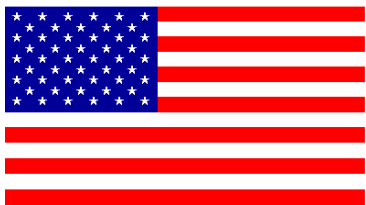
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*Executive Vice President, CSIS*

**Reception to follow.**

Don McKinnon became Commonwealth Secretary-General in April 2000. He previously served as New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and as a member of its parliament for 21 years. Secretary McKinnon will seek to demonstrate how the Commonwealth is a relevant and credible force in building sustainable democracies and in promoting global peace and stability in today's world. He will explore the Commonwealth's role in the promotion of democratic processes and institutions in several countries, and will share insights about the Commonwealth's conflict prevention activities and its efforts to bridge growing divides in countries facing community and cultural challenges.

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**Thursday, May 25, 2006**  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Reception 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**1800 K Street, NW**  
**B-1 Conference Level**



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