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Congratulations to a Finalist for the World Citizenship Award for 2005

Hamilton, ON – April 6, 2005 - The Hamilton Mundialization Committee is pleased to recognize Khursheed Ahmed as a finalist for this year's World Citizenship Award. Khursheed Ahmed, a resident of the City of Hamilton, was nominated for his active involvement in various community and international groups working for international peace.

(Note: Although not selected as this year's recipient, he is eligible to be re-nominated in the future.)

Dr. Ahmed has worked in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster for 28 years, and holds the position of Manager of Computer Services and Assistance Professor in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. It has been said that his true passion is international health. He has traveled frequently to developing countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Egypt, Malaysia and Indonesia to train medical students and researchers in the use of emerging information technology, and setting up computer infrastructure at various universities.

For 22 years Dr. Khursheed Ahmed has been actively involved in various peace and community groups, notably the Hamilton Chapter of Physicians for Global Survival. This group is dedicated to the elimination of nuclear weapons and the promotion of non-violent conflict resolution. He and his wife, Maroussia, have been hosting PGS chapter meetings in their home for over 10 years, helping to nurture the promotion of peace in a quiet manner. He has also been involved with Project Ploughshares.

Dr. Ahmed has been an active participant in the Annual Gandhi Peace Festival in Hamilton, editing the Gandhi Peace Booklet, managing the website, and helping with planning various events. He and his family have had an open door policy to students, especially overseas students and refugees, helping them to settle in the community, and providing logistics and moral support.

It was for his ongoing practice of the qualities of a World Citizen that Khursheed Ahmed was nominated. His tireless efforts have contributed to the development of knowledge, respect and peace, both in Hamilton as well as worldwide. We congratulate him on being named a finalist for the World Citizenship Award for 2005.

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The Award Presentation ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 in the Council Chambers of Hamilton City Hall at 5:30 p.m. The award includes a bronze medallion mounted on a plaque. A reception will follow.

Winners of the award include: Anne Pearson (2005), Tony DiSilvestro (2004), Morteza Jafarpour (2003), Gary and Joy Warner (2002), Lt.-Gen. (Ret.) Roméo Dallaire (2001), Alan F. Phillips (1998), Joanna Santa-Barbara (1996), Graeme MacQueen and Paul Dekar (1994), Sister Helen Kobelsky (1992), Leonor Sorger (1991), Agdhas Javid (1990), Sheila Davis (1989), Hanna and Allan Newcombe (1988).

This year's finalists included:

- Khursheed Ahmed
- Anne Pearson

The ceremony is hosted by the Hamilton Mundialization Committee, a council-mandated advisory committee of the City of Hamilton whose function, fundamentally, is to facilitate and support peace initiatives and the twinning relationships between Hamilton and its nine twin-cities around the world. Our commitment is based on the belief in the interdependence of people around the world, and that future peace and progress are dependent on co-operation, goodwill and understanding. The Mundialization Committee is a member of the Roundtable on Strengthening Hamilton's Community Initiatives.

NOTE TO MEDIA:

There will be an opportunity to meet the finalists and participants, at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, in Room 219 at Hamilton City Hall, shortly before the actual presentation ceremony.