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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND – CHAIR REAPPOINTMENT

Sir Christopher Frayling has been reappointed as Chair of Arts Council England for a final term of one year from 1 February 2008 to 31 January 2009.

Sir Christopher Frayling became Chairman of Arts Council England in February 2004. He is Rector of the Royal College of Art in London, and Professor of Cultural History there. An historian, a critic and an award winning broadcaster, he is well known for his work on BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio 3, BBC 2 television and Channel 4. He has published sixteen books on art, design and culture. Sir Christopher is a trustee of the Victoria and Albert Museum (since 1983), and was a member of the Arts Council of England (1987-2000) having chaired successively its Visual Arts, Combined Arts, Education and Film, Video and Broadcasting panels. He has been a member of the Crafts Council and a Governor of the British Film Institute and Chairman of the Design Council.

Sir Christopher Frayling has not carried out any political activity during the last five years.

Notes to Editors:

1. Arts Council England develops and promotes the arts across England, acting as an arm's length body from Government.
2. Between 2006 and 2008, the Arts Council will invest £1.1 billion of public money from the Government and the National Lottery in the arts. This provides the bedrock of support for the arts in England and the Arts Council England's ambition for 2006–8 is to 'put the arts at the heart of national life and people at the heart of the arts'.
3. This reappointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.