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OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECTOR AWARD

The Hon Mrs Margaret Reid, President of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), will today present the third Outstanding Contribution to the Sector Award to Mr Greg Thompson.

The Outstanding Contribution to the Sector Award acknowledges the outstanding contribution of an individual to the Australian aid and development NGO sector over an extended period of time.

Mr Thompson became actively involved in the sector in 1977. Prior to this, his lifetime commitment to social justice was already evident in the Anti-Apartheid Movement as Convenor of the Campaign against Racial Exploitation in Queensland from 1974-76.

"Mr Thompson came to be regarded during his career as a respected confidante and advisor to many groups seeking to have their voice heard in their own countries," Mrs Reid said.

"Mr Thompson has made an important contribution on the Palestinian issue, in bringing together senior regional figures whom he knows well to meet with senior Australian politicians."

Since 1995, Mr Thompson has contributed very substantially to the creation of the Australian branch of Transparency International.

Most recently, in 2007-08 Mr Thompson co-chaired the National Sorry Day Committee, involved in organising the Inaugural National Sorry Day in 2008.

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Presentation of the Award at
the Marque Hotel, 102
Northbourne Ave, CANBERRA
at 2.15 pm. Media Welcome.

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