HOCKEY HALL OF FAME APPOINTS ZDENO CHARA TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

TORONTO (November 26, 2026) – Hockey Hall of Fame Chair **Mike Gartner** announced today that Honoured Member Zdeno Chara has been appointed to the Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee, effective with the 2027 nomination and election process as confirmed at the Directors' meeting held in Toronto on November 9, 2026.

Chara will replace Igor Larionov (HHOF 2008), who served the Selection Committee's full 15-year term limit.

"The regular inclusion of new voices is one of the things that makes the Selection Committee so strong," said Gartner. "Zdeno brings a player's perspective, a deep respect for the game and a global outlook that will enrich our discussions. We are pleased to welcome him to the committee. We would also like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Igor Larionov for his outstanding contributions over the past fifteen years."

Elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2025, Chara is widely regarded as one of the most accomplished defencemen of his generation. Over a 24-season NHL career, he captained the Boston Bruins for 14 seasons, leading the club to the 2011 Stanley Cup championship, and captured the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenceman in 2009. His 1,680 regular season games remain the most played by a defenceman in NHL history. Internationally, Chara represented Slovakia at three Olympic Games and seven IIHF World Championships.

"It's a true honour to be asked to serve on the Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee," said Chara. "This game has given me so much throughout my life, and I take seriously the responsibility of helping recognize the individuals who have shaped its history and legacy. I am grateful for this opportunity."

The Selection Committee will meet in late June 2027 to consider duly nominated candidates for election into Honoured Membership and the annual Induction Celebration will be held in November 2027.

The Hockey Hall of Fame ("HHOF") was established in 1943 to honour and memorialize individuals who have brought special distinction to the game of hockey and those who made outstanding contributions to the development and advancement of hockey anywhere in the world, and to collect, research, preserve, exhibit and promote objects, images and other historical materials connected with the game for all leagues, all levels, worldwide. As a not-for-profit corporation and registered charity, HHOF owns and operates a museum and place of entertainment offering state-of-the-art exhibits, theatrical presentations and educational programming from its premises at Brookfield Place, Toronto, and a multi-purpose archive, resource centre and research facility located at 400 Kipling Avenue, Toronto.

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