

- In the international context, to protect and promote independence and national unity.
- To support in the international sphere Canadian domestic programs.
- To help project abroad Canada's distinctive national identity.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Relations with Foreign Governments and Intergovernmental Institutions - Analyzing and evaluating events and situations abroad having a bearing on Canadian interests; advising the Government on foreign policy questions and the conduct of foreign affairs; contributing to and coordinating views and activities of other departments and agencies in relation to Canada's foreign policy and external relations; management of foreign operations at posts abroad; representing Canada in foreign countries and in international organizations; communicating with foreign governments and international organizations on matters relating to Canadian interests; conducting negotiations on behalf of Canada; coordinating or directing official delegations and other visits abroad and coordinating official visits to Canada; paying Canada's share of the assessments of UN, NATO, Commonwealth and other international organizations and associated agencies.

Assistance to Canadians - Providing consular services to Canadians abroad and protection of the rights, person, and property of Canadians in foreign countries.

Information Activities and Cultural Relations - Publishing and disseminating information about Canada; providing information on international affairs to the Canadian public; arranging international exchanges in the fields of culture, education, science and technology.

Assistance to Other Programs - Assisting in the formulation and implementation of the foreign programs of other government departments and agencies, in particular defence services, immigration, international development, transportation and communications, environmental quality, science and technology; supplying support services for the foreign operations of other government departments and agencies.

Headquarters Administration and Operational Support - Offices of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and their staffs; administrative, financial and personnel services; telecommunications and operational support services; services to the press and diplomatic corps in Ottawa."