

# POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Political/Economic Officers promote Canadian political and economic interests abroad. They monitor and interpret world events and their implications for Canada, make policy recommendations based on solid analysis and negotiate with foreign and domestic interlocutors to advance Canadian objectives.

At headquarters or abroad, Political/Economic Officers deal with subjects as diverse and multifaceted as human rights, peacekeeping, disarmament, environmental degradation, war crimes, macroeconomic policy, economic law, summit co-ordination, debt, treaty negotiation, technical assistance, cultural and academic programs, and reform of multilateral institutions.

Assignments at headquarters include

- geographic desk officer for Mexico, responsible for monitoring and analysing political and economic trends and developing a coherent policy to promote Canada's relations with Mexico;
- legal adviser on fisheries issues, responsible for representing the Department's interests in the drafting of domestic and international legal instruments, and for liaison with other government departments and provincial interests to ensure a consistent Canadian policy in various international forums;

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