

## **India – Punjab Office**

### **QUESTION**

Does the establishment of this office mean Canada is in some way recognizing the distinctiveness of this region? Does this action not send a message to Quebec sovereigntists that if Canada is willing to do so abroad it should do so for Quebec?

### **SUGGESTED REPLY**

- The Canadian office in Chandigarh will be established to better serve the large numbers of visa applicants who come from Northern India, and to make the most of trade opportunities there.
- Canada respects the territorial integrity of India and does not view the existence of the Canadian office in Punjab as changing this position.