



The Department

4 Major Initiatives in 2001-2002

Department Policy

- We will continue to work to enhance the quality of life of all Canadians through efforts to improve national and global governance, build an innovative economy for the 21st century, and promote an inclusive society with widely shared benefits.
- We will work to protect Canadians from global and transborder threats to their safety, thereby promoting improved governance and stability at home and abroad.
- We will help to bring prosperity to Canadians by ensuring market access and services for Canadian exporters, importers and investors, enabling them to pursue global market opportunities while furthering the cause of global sustainable development.
- To protect the security of Canada and Canadians, we will continue our efforts to maintain a stable global framework.
- We will continue efforts to combat human rights violations, small arms proliferation, environmental degradation and transnational crime, such as illegal drug trafficking, terrorism and migrant smuggling, through international cooperation; and we will encourage activities aimed at protecting children from exploitation and ending the role of diamonds in financing conflict.
- To promote continued economic growth, sustainable development and appreciation of Canadian values, we will focus on improving market access for Canadian exporters, importers and investors.
- We will continue to improve the operations of the World Trade Organization.
- In the context of a more integrated global economy, we will continue to negotiate a free-trade agreement with Costa Rica and explore free trade initiatives with other Central American countries and with Singapore.