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CANADA-BASED PERSONNEL IN PROVINCIAL
OFFICES ABROAD

Since 1957 and in order to facilitate their foreign travel, the heads of provincial offices abroad can be issued with Canadian Government "special passports" similar to those issued to Provincial Premiers, Provincial Cabinet Ministers, Provincial Speakers and Provincial Leaders of the Opposition. Accordingly, the Department of External Affairs should be informed, through the department's Office of the Senior Advisor for Federal-Provincial Relations (CFX), when a new head of any provincial office is being appointed. On receiving this notice the department will also advise the appropriate Canadian missions of the new appointment and request their continued cooperation.

Further, as many host countries require visas and/or work permits for non-local staff to enter and to work or extend their stay, the posting of all levels of Canada-based personnel to provincial offices abroad should be executed in close consultation at the procedural level with the local Canadian mission concerned, keeping the Department of External Affairs informed.