
Immigration

- implements the Canadian immigration program abroad issuing, in 1987, visas for 138 500 immigrants and 428 000 foreign students, workers and visitors. In particular, the department
 - determines refugee eligibility, processing some 20 000 government-sponsored refugees in 1987;
 - facilitates family reunification, including, in 1987, more than 53 000 family class and assisted relatives;
 - promotes immigration of potential business immigrants, more than 3 600 in 1987, representing a potential investment of \$2.3 billion and some 12 000 new jobs.

Aid

- in co-operation with the Canadian International Development Agency, implements Canada's aid program abroad, which in 1987 represented \$2.1 billion in official development assistance;
- ensures that the aid program and budgetary allocations are consistent with Canada's overall foreign policy;
- manages official development assistance contributions to international organizations, and pursues export opportunities related to International Development Bank projects.

Passport and Consular Services

- issues annually through offices in Canada and at Canadian embassies and consulates abroad, over one million passports and travel documents;
- provided citizenship, notarial, general advice and other assistance to approximately 600 000 Canadians travelling or living abroad in 1987;
- provided emergency assistance to approximately 12 000 Canadians in distress abroad in 1987, and maintained contact with an average of 250 Canadians held in foreign jails.

Support to Other Government Departments and Provinces

- provides advice to federal and provincial governments on the international environment, and on political and economic conditions in foreign countries;
- advises on the international implications of federal and provincial policies and programs, for example, in the area of industrial policy;
- negotiates treaty arrangements on behalf of Canada;
- maintains a secure, world-wide diplomatic communications network, used by all departments with operations abroad;
- co-ordinates local arrangements for visits abroad of ministers and senior officials of federal and provincial governments.