

There is, I am certain, an acceptance of the trade development effort within the Department. My concern is that this effort may not always be featured at the level that it should. I hope that this contributes to the process of developing a mission statement, and that as a result trade development can be reflected in proportion to its importance to the Department.

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La mission: assurer une gestion cohérente des relations du Canada avec le monde extérieur, sur la base d'une connaissance approfondie du pays et de ses intérêts d'une part, et de la réalité internationale de l'autre. La promotion des intérêts économiques doit y occuper une place de choix.

Le ministère AECEC est l'instrument par lequel le gouvernement du Canada gère les relations extérieures du pays. Son objectif est de contribuer au développement et au bien-être de la société canadienne en agissant au niveau international dans les domaines dont dépendent les intérêts principaux du pays et de ses citoyens. Le Ministère appuie l'aspiration des Canadiens de vivre en paix et prospérité, de favoriser un ordre mondial équitable, et de préserver leurs valeurs fondamentales.

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I listened with much interest to the views of the sixty (approx) employees who attended the Mission Statement meeting on Tuesday morning in the Cafeteria. As I listened to views stated with varying degrees of intensity, it became apparent at least from several persons that the need to retain some of the "traditional ways" of an external-looking department remained imperative. In part, I agree, however, to do so exclusively harbours considerable dangers especially in an age of rapidly growing information technology and the continuing need for the Canadian diplomatic corps to be able to manage well while still performing their diplomatic duties.

It seems to me that for this department to be front and centre in the field of external relations in Canada and to subscribe to reasonable and sensitive administrative and personnel policies including rotationality, the department must rely on an extremely effective information storage system.

In short, a mission statement, to be fully cognizant of the department's external function, must take into consideration the existence of a really effective information storage system.

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