

1) BUILDING ON THE STRATEGIC BASE OF EAITC

EAITC must concentrate and build upon the fundamental strengths of its mandate, its unique geographic orientation and its network of posts abroad. This will be done by providing the government and Canadians with innovative and challenging leadership in its mandate areas; ensuring coordination and coherence among all international interests; providing the best in policy advice; and delivering the service programs under its mandate with a high standard of excellence and professionalism.

To achieve this goal, we will:

- change training programs to develop managerial capacity to handle increased responsibilities
- prepare an annual Foreign Policy Framework and submit it to Cabinet
- prepare an annual government-wide Business Plan for International Trade and submit it to Cabinet
- create a Deputies Committee on foreign affairs, chaired by the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs
- strengthen key policy areas of the Department:
 - * a new unit will be established and made responsible for ensuring foreign policy input into and co-ordination with immigration and refugee policy
 - * resources will be allocated to deal with the key economic issues which will dominate international affairs in the 1990s, including the environment and aid policy as a component of foreign policy
 - * determine resources necessary to handle trade policy matters following the Uruguay Round
 - * determine resources necessary to better respond to the new circumstances created by the end to the cold war and the emergence of non-traditional security issues
- create a new position of Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for Immigration, Consular and Passport affairs