

- Activities include:
  - designing and implementing policies aimed at protecting and advancing Canada's international political and security interests;
  - ensuring that international political and security systems and institutions are responsive to Canadian interests;
  - advancing Canadian policies both bilaterally and through Canada's representation in multilateral institutions (such as the United Nations);
  - coordinating the departmental response to crises at home and abroad (such as natural disasters and acts of terrorism) and developing policies to combat international terrorism; and
  - managing intelligence matters relating to foreign and trade policy.

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- General responsibility for the development and implementation of international law, coordination of the department's access to information and privacy program, and provision of advice on federal-provincial relations.
- Activities include:
  - promoting development of and adherence to international law in the United Nations, especially air and space law, human rights law, anti-terrorism law, disarmament and arms control law and laws relating to peace and security;
  - protecting Canadian sovereignty by managing maritime boundary disputes, promoting effective enforcement of Law of the Sea Convention provisions relating to fisheries and defending against unwarranted assertions of extraterritorial jurisdiction;
  - developing and applying international environmental law;
  - promoting Canada's economic and trade interests by providing legal advice on the FTA, the GATT, and investment protection and international claims;