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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTERS

We are pleased to present the Annual Report on Canada's Network for 2012-2013. This document provides information important to the department's many partners and co-locators, as well as to senior managers. It also describes some of the numerous achievements of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD)¹ and its international platform in maintaining the network of missions and delivering the high-quality services that enable the Government of Canada and co-locators to achieve their international priorities and meet their objectives.

As a whole-of-government asset, the Network underpins Canada's evolving presence in the world. Resources dedicated to it are allocated based on current domestic and international realities. On March 31, 2013, Canada's Network included 172 missions in 105 countries, along with 16 regional and satellite offices in Canadian cities. Services were delivered to 26 partners and 10 co-locators, and relocation support provided to 959 employees and 1,252 dependents moving to and from missions abroad. A total of 7,571 positions were based in foreign missions, of which 2,165 were held by Canada-based staff and 5,406 by locally engaged staff. Another 120 positions were based in regional and satellite offices across Canada.

To enable the Government of Canada to achieve its 2012-2013 foreign policy and international trade objectives, as well as partners' and co-locators' own priorities, DFATD focused on three strategic considerations—Innovative Operations, Client Relations and Governance, and

Business Planning and Forecasting—and supported the implementation of decisions based on Canada's Budget 2012 Economic Action Plan.

A few achievements to highlight:

- Canada's partnership with the United Kingdom (U.K.) was strengthened. An agreement was concluded to share space in Yangon, Burma until the Canadian mission is ready to open. Canada supported the provision of space and common services to the U.K. in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and progress was made in negotiations for co-location in Budapest, Hungary.
- Initiatives to reduce expenditures were successful. Eight missions were closed. Additional reductions were achieved in real-property holdings and management costs, mission vehicle fleets, Canada-based staff and locally engaged staff.
- New Memorandums of Understanding were signed with a partner—the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission—and with a co-locator—the province of British Columbia. Extensive consultations with partner departments helped strengthen governance of common services.

This report describes a Network that is strong, innovative, responsive to clients' needs and closely aligned with Canada's priorities.

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¹ On June 26, 2013, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) were amalgamated to form Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD). The Deputy Minister of International Development and the Senior Associate Deputy Minister of International Development are pleased to associate themselves with the achievements of Canada's Network in 2012-2013.