

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOINT COUNCILMEETINGDecember 19, 1989SUMMARY RECORD

This ad hoc meeting of the External Affairs Joint Council (EAJC) held December 19, 1989 was chaired by Management.

Management indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide the Staff Side with as much information as possible at this stage regarding the impact on the Department of the announced expenditure reductions. Management reviewed those specific initiatives which will have an impact on EAJTC, namely:

- A. A requirement to reduce Departmental expenditures by \$10 million in 1990-91, with an additional \$5 million reduction each year up to and including 1993-94;
- B. The designation of the Passport Office as a new Special Operating Agency;
- C. The implementation, together with CEIC, of increased cost recovery for certain immigration services;
- D. A full review of CIDA decentralization arrangements; and
- E. A requirement to reduce international travel by 20%.

With respect to the latter initiative, Management noted that this would take effect January 1, 1990, and would involve only travel from Headquarters for program related activities (i.e., travel under the FSDs and posting activities would be exempt).

The Staff Side was further informed that in order to determine where and how reductions would be made, Management would be initiating a corporate review based on work already begun as part of the Department's long range corporate strategy. This process would involve looking at the Department's operations, in both the short and long term, in light of prevalent constraints governing the Department (e.g., fiscal restraint). More specifically, the review would involve seven initiatives targeted for completion by June, 1990:

1. A review of headquarters organization;