

BACKGROUND NOTE

Present Canadian representation in the Middle East and Maghreb is as follows: Ambassador James George, residing in Tehran, represents Canada in Iran and also in Kuwait, The United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman; Ambassador Paul Malone represents Canadian interests in Israel with residence in Tel Aviv. Ambassador David Stansfield, resident in Cairo, Egypt, is also accredited to Libya and the Sudan. Ambassador Jacques Gignac, resident in Beirut, is also accredited to Syria, Jordan, and Iraq, in addition to Saudi Arabia. Ambassador Henri Gaudefroy represents Canada in Tunis. Ambassador Robert Elliott represents Canada in Algiers.

2. With the opening of embassies in Rabat (announced earlier by the Government) and Jeddah, there will be eight embassies in the region at the end of 1974. The opening of another embassy in the Middle East will shortly be considered by the Government as part of its next program.