A DIVERSE FOREIGN SERVICE

The diversity of the Canadian population is an invaluable resource upon which Canada will draw to meet the economic challenges of the future. Our multicultural heritage gives us an important competitive edge in the international arena.

As a representative of Canada on the international scene and as an employer, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade is increasingly aware of the importance of linguistic and cultural skills as a key to success in the international environment. This is illustrated in the Department's efforts to have a Foreign Service that mirrors the diverse make-up of the Canadian population. Our commitment is further evident in the programs and initiatives already in place to encourage the equitable participation of women, Aboriginal peoples, members of visible minority groups and persons with disabilities.

A career in the Foreign Service requires adopting a lifestyle in which flexibility, mobility and respect for cultural differences are vital elements. Your personal initiatives, strengths and your own cultural heritage and linguistic talent will certainly contribute to your success and our strength in international and diplomatic forums.

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