

Introduction

Canada's International Policy Statement—A Role of Pride and Influence in the World sets out how Canada can best express itself to the world. In charting a path, the Government of Canada protects and promotes Canadian values and interests beyond its borders. The *Code of Conduct for Canadian Representatives Abroad*, or Conduct Abroad Code, has been conceived in this context to provide guidance on the Government of Canada's expectations of its representatives abroad.

The *Values and Ethics Code for the Public Service*, which provides the foundation for the Conduct Abroad Code, seeks to maintain and enhance public confidence in the integrity of the Public Service. It also serves to strengthen respect for, and appreciation of, the role played by the Public Service within Canadian democracy.

Each representative is responsible for respecting and promoting the Values and Ethics Code; however, an important leadership role is bestowed upon the Heads of Mission (HOMs). Through their presence, conduct and representational work, HOMs create and maintain a good impression of Canada. Additionally, HOMs have specific management responsibilities for the mission and its human resources and must ensure that all abide by the values and ethics of the Public Service. Heads of Mission are supported in this role by the Director of the Values and Ethics Division of the Office of the Inspector General at Foreign Affairs Canada.