

The global objectives of the program may be identified as follows: *

- (a) to provide a satisfactory level of consular services, and render assistance consistent with the provisions relevant statutory regulations, of the Manual of Consular Instructions and other Canadian Government directives and regulations;
- (b) to protect the interests of Canada and Canadians by ensuring compliance with provisions of the Vienna Convention and other multilateral or bilateral agreements;
- (c) to educate the public through the conduct of a "Consular Awareness Program", the aims of which are to encourage travellers to take precautions and to inform Canadians of services available in the hope that this will reduce the demand for consular services.

A set of second-level or more operational objectives has also been suggested as follows:

- (a) to develop and implement (or coordinate implementation of) plans by "country unit" for the evacuation of Canadian citizens in the event of local emergencies;
- (b) to develop the framework for future bilateral consular agreements, and to improve the international consular environment affecting Canadian interests abroad;
- (c) to develop and improve the procedures and guidelines contained in the Manual of Consular Instructions;
- (d) to ensure that all legislative changes in Canada take into account the status of Canadian citizens abroad and to ensure Canadians resident abroad are aware of such changes;
- (e) in cooperation with CEIC, to ensure the Canadian policy on immigrant and non-immigrant entry to Canada is implemented at posts abroad, that

* It is recognized that this set of objectives will require further discussion and clarification during an evaluation. It is presented here as an initial departure point.