

c. Not every injury warrants immediate representation by the Consul. It is only when the individual has suffered flagrant injustice or maltreatment by, or at the direction of, an authority of the foreign state that measures should be taken for his protection. If the injury is received at the hands of individuals or minor officials who cannot be regarded as representing the foreign state, the individual must, in the first instance, rely on the local judicial remedies. Funds should not be advanced in order to provide legal advice or assistance in such instances.

To Whom Representations may be made

10.05 a. The extent of Consular protection is limited. It will be necessary, as a rule, for a Consul to refer to the Canadian Diplomatic Mission or the Department in the country all major matters in which the question of protection arises.

b. Formal consular representations may be made only to the local authorities. Formal consular representations should not be made to any state, provincial or national authorities, unless they have been authorized by the Canadian diplomatic mission in the country or by the Department.

Informal Enquiries

10.06 The making of enquiries on behalf of a Canadian citizen or a Canadian corporation without any formal representation to the local authorities will, in itself, often result in relief from the injuries or injustice complained of.