A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTERS

We are pleased to present the 2013–2014 edition of the Annual Report on Canada's Network. Canada's Network consists of a consolidation of infrastructure, resources, assets and services that enables the Government of Canada to effectively serve Canadians as well as advance the country's political, economic and developmental interests internationally. The Network also contributes to the ability of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada partners and co-locators to achieve their strategic objectives and to provide a high level of service to their clients.

In addition to providing important facts and statistics about the Network, the Report highlights the success of DFATD in keeping the Network's day-to-day operations running smoothly. As a whole-of-government asset, the Network underscores Canada's evolving presence in the world. As of March 2014, it had 174 missions in 107 countries, along with regional and satellite offices in Canadian cities. There was a total of 7,490 positions abroad, of which 2,122 were Canada-based staff positions and 5,368 locally engaged staff positions.

Supporting an international presence of this size is no small feat. On any given day, DFATD delivers vital security, financial, human resources, property and procurement services to our missions. And it supports the operations of 25 Canadian government departments and agencies and 10 co-locators, including the Bank of Canada and the governments of Australia, the United Kingdom and Israel, co-located at our missions. It relocates employees and their families, and evacuates them in times of crisis. It keeps international operations running smoothly by delivering more than 100,000 diplomatic bags and 175 containers annually. It also manages and maintains more than 2,000 buildings around the world.

During 2013–2014, the security of employees abroad continued to be at the forefront of DFATD's commitments and priorities. We managed and supported five emergency evacuations of Canada-based staff and dependants in Tel Aviv, Ramallah, Cairo, Juba and Kyiv. We also deployed Standing Rapid Deployment Team members to assist missions in Nairobi, Manila, Juba and Kyiv with responding to the crises in their regions and continuing the delivery of essential services. As part of this effort, DFATD provided security equipment and specialized personnel on an emergency basis to Canadian missions in Kenya, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, Juba and Kyiv.

Co-locations with trusted partners expand the Canadian Network's reach by providing safe workspace accommodation in a rapid and cost-effective manner. They also allow the co-locating party to avoid expensive investment in infrastructure and share operating expenses. This past year, the United Kingdom (U.K.) combined its operations with our Canadian mission in Port-au-Prince, and similarly, Canada co-located its operations with the U.K. mission in Baghdad and, on a temporary basis, in Yangon.

In response to budget constraints and an ever-changing global environment, DFATD constantly strives to make its services more efficient and innovative. This is what enables us to successfully support our partners and co-locators, and respond to their changing needs. This report highlights those successes and presents a Canadian Network that has a strong and positive presence on the world stage.

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