

The attainment of this last mentioned objective has been hampered above all by lack of resources at a time when this and other government departments have made serious efforts to contain and reduce costs. Despite these severe constraints we have been able to arrange for the formal assignment, in mid-1988, of an officer to be exclusively dedicated to provincial interests. We will advise you of the identity of this officer as soon as the assignment takes place. Until then provincial requests for action or advice should be channelled directly to Mr. Ross Glasgow, or his colleague Mr. Dean Sherrat, at the Embassy. This arrangement should ensure that provincial interests in Washington receive full attention. In order to ensure the fullest possible coordination, provinces are requested to send to External Affairs - specifically to the United States Branch (UGB and URR) and to the Office of the Senior Advisor for Federal-Provincial Relations (CFX) - copies of all requests made to the Embassy.