

activity undertaken by dependents and applicable taxation thereof, the exemption of duties applied to the import of certain goods (such as vehicles) and the disposal of personally owned goods. Representatives shall bring any incident involving local law enforcement authorities to the attention of the HOM as soon as possible, whether this incident involves themselves or their dependents.

- 3.2 e) Cases of marital or custody disputes are always difficult and present specific and complicated challenges to all parties involved, even more so when the spouse is a local national. The ideal way to settle these disputes is in the Canadian courts: any other approach will result in foreign courts attempting to take jurisdiction over Canadian diplomats or their dependants, contrary to the proper application of the Vienna Conventions. Should such disputes arise, representatives should notify and seek guidance from their assignment officer in FAC.
- 3.2 f) According to Vienna Conventions, consular officers and diplomatic agents are prohibited from engaging for personal profit in "any professional or commercial activity" inconsistent with their diplomatic status in the host country. For dependents of diplomatic personnel wishing to work abroad, they should consult SERV or their HOM, in consultation with the Chief of Protocol and/or the Values and Ethics Division of FAC.