



- In addition, the Department provides administrative support to other government departments with personnel abroad.

Our Basic Objectives: The Three Pillars

- Our foreign policy, including our trade policy, is based on three main objectives — three pillars — that reflect the values and aspirations of Canadians. They are: (1) prosperity and employment; (2) security within a stable global framework; and (3) the promotion of Canadian values and culture.

Prosperity and Employment

- The promotion of prosperity and employment is at the heart of our work.
- International markets present tremendous opportunities for Canadians: we can compete with the best in the world. By exporting, Canada can increase wealth and employment for Canadians.
- To help Canadians compete, we are working to gain access for our goods and services abroad. We are also working to reinforce an open, fair and predictable set of rules governing international trade and investment, and to provide the means to help Canadian firms take advantage of opportunities abroad. We also work hard to attract foreign investment and promote tourism to Canada.
- But we're not just focussed on Canadian prosperity. We are also trying to promote global prosperity, because when other parts of the world prosper, Canadians benefit too. Prosperity around the world helps to anchor international stability and enables progress toward sustainable development. More prosperous people are able to maintain more mature and mutually beneficial economic partnerships with Canada, becoming increasingly open to our values and thus more active partners in building an international system that works for all.