

adhere to the original timetable established by the Prime Minister's Office, it has been decided to separate the two processes and to establish a new timetable for Restructuring. Thus, it is likely that Consolidation will be completed before Restructuring, with Restructuring being finalized as soon as possible thereafter. Meanwhile, interim management measures for the Consolidated Foreign Service are under active consideration by the PMC.

Consolidation

As anticipated many of the arrangements with respect to CEIC have been finalized, and negotiations between External Affairs, CIDA and ITC are proceeding. In addition, TCS has had discussions with CGOT concerning the manner in which tourism field operations could be integrated into TCS.

Discussions between External Affairs and CEIC have focussed on the determination of the numbers of CEIC officers and locally-engaged program staff to be transferred, and the identification of the positions concerned. Positions in Foreign Branch Headquarters including resource management personnel and those at posts are being considered. The two departments have established a joint working group to ensure that the 1981/82 Main Estimates of both departments consistently reflect the transfer of P/Ys and budget. Arrangements for headquarters assignments to CEIC Foreign Branch will await the conclusion of arrangements for other departments.

Arrangements for single assignments of domestic-based CEIC officers to the consolidated Foreign Service remain under discussion.

At the same time, discussions are proceeding between External Affairs and CIDA concerning the transfer of funds for travel and hospitality and arrangements for the secondment of Agency personnel to External Affairs.