

The attached texts were distributed during the past year with the aim of enhancing the effectiveness of federal-provincial relations. The purpose has been to build up a framework within which the provinces can play an increasingly active role on the international scene.

These guidelines do not herald any major changes or shifts in direction. They are above all designed to foster a smoother working relationship at a time of increasing complexity and diversity in provincial relations with foreign countries. Clearly, the guidelines will need to be amplified and updated from time to time.

We believe that our mutual efforts have already produced benefits for the provinces and for the federal government, and hope that the material assembled here will serve as a helpful ready reference.



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