

II. REVISED OFFICIAL LANGUAGES POLICIES

This section of the guidelines comprises a selection of the more significant policy statements from the Treasury Board policy manual relative to implementation of the official languages program in the Department of External Affairs. Some of the items are in condensed form and an interpretation of the policy statements is provided in some instances where flexibility and understanding of the intent are required in their application, particularly in the context of our operations abroad.

To provide information relative to the background and principles underlying the revised policies, a "Statement of Policies" prepared by the Treasury Board is contained at Appendix 'A' to these guidelines.

In addition, "Special Arrangements for the Rotational Foreign Services" were developed in consultation with the Treasury Board, departments with operations abroad, and the respective staff association, incorporating adjustments to those policies which could not be applied directly to the rotational foreign service. The "Special Arrangements" are contained in Appendix 'B'.