

Section 1: The Department's Role

Part A – Learning Objectives

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has a multifaceted mission:

- to portray, promote and defend the interests of Canada and the common values of Canadians around the world;
- to improve Canadians' awareness and understanding of the world; and
- to serve Canadians at home and abroad.

In the first section we will look at the Department's activities in Canada and around the world. After you have completed this section you should be able to describe our role in the following areas:

- foreign policy
- diplomatic relations
- consular activities
- trade
- international development
- international fora
- immigration services
- cultural affairs