The information in this book reflects that which is contained in the Department's database. The updated information forms received from Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts, International Organizations and other Offices were used primarily for the order of precedence for personnel, to identify the different areas of expertise and to ensure accuracy of address information. The names, titles and status of individuals which appear in this book are considered by the Department to be current. Changes to this information can only be made through official notification by way of a note to the Department. Circular Note XDC-3875 dated September 20, 1990 and the Guide for the Diplomatic and Consular Corps in Canada 1988 explain the notification requirements of this Department for the departure of personnel. To prepare for this year's publication, a final reminder was sent to all Missions, International Organizations and other Offices (Circular Note XDC-2430 dated September 24, 1999). This reminder clearly emphasized the importance of prompt notification, by way of a note to the Department, of departure details for personnel who have completed their postings, alterations to personnel designations due to promotions or other changes which can affect the information in this book. This publication cannot be amended.