

- clear recognition of the role and concerns of spouses of foreign service members, including an undertaking by the Department of External Affairs to communicate more directly with foreign service spouses and to devote greater attention to the employment related problems they often confront as a consequence of foreign service;
- creation within the Department of External Affairs of a Community Liaison Office to serve as a point of contact for foreign service spouses and to provide a range of counselling, briefing and information services on questions of particular interest to foreign service spouses and families;
- measures to overcome the difficulties some non-Canadian spouses of foreign service members have confronted as a result of postings abroad in meeting the residence requirements for Canadian citizenship;
- recognition of the need to take equitably into account the concerns of single employees;
- a variety of additional measures to improve the health care available to Canadian foreign service personnel and their families abroad and to deal with educational problems faced by foreign service children;
- a range of measures at a selected number of the most difficult posts abroad to help meet the basic recreational needs of foreign service members and their families when recreational outlets commonly available in Canada are virtually absent;