

The department fits into society only as Canadian society itself fits into international community. It can, by virtue of its unique expertise, ensure that such "fit" is both realistic and optimally beneficial. In a sense, however, question is trite. Canadian society must interact with international community. Therefore, why must we ask questions about our departments goals and values? Foreign Ministers of USA, Europe and Latin American countries, etc. -- from superpowers to mini-states -- do not need to ask it, so why do we? Do we feel that irrelevant? Fact is that Canada is part of world. Therefore, it must have foreign minister to run its foreign affairs.

- B. PICARD/CMG

Our mission is to bring Canada to the World and the World to Canadians.

We bring Canada to the World

by promoting and protecting our national interests while also advocating individual and collective peace, security and prosperity for mankind.

We bring the World to Canadians

by helping Canadians define their identity as citizens of the world and shape a country capable of successfully meeting the challenges posed to it by an ever changing global environment.

- C. COLE/FAM

In an era of accelerating change the Department of External Affairs is hard pressed in continuing the vital expansion of its role since modest beginnings less than a century ago. Like its counterparts in other States it is dedicated to the maintenance of international peace, economic stability and the preservation of the environment. The task of its highly trained and experienced personnel defies comprehensive definition as it constantly evolving as developments at international and national levels pose endless challenges to the political and economic viability of Canada and other States. Fundamental to this approach is an abiding concern for the well-being of Canadians both at home and abroad and for the lesser advantaged of other countries. Its task is facilitated by an enviable network of communication and personal contacts, painstakingly established over many years, with international organizations, governments, decision makers and others throughout the world.

- L. MOKIEVSKY-ZUBOK/INI

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