

Adieu Stephen, Hello Greta  
**DFAIT THANKS STEPHEN**  
 Rigby for his brief but productive tenure as Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (DMA). Stephen became President of the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) on August 1, 2008. He had been with the department since March 3, 2008, where he played an integral role in support of various departmental priorities.

The department also welcomes Greta Bossenmaier as the new DMA. Greta had been with the CBSA since 2004, where she served as executive vice-president and, before that, as vice-president of the Innovation, Science and Technology Branch. She previously served as our chief information officer and Director General of the Information and Technology Branch from 1999 to 2004. We appreciate this opportunity to work with Greta again. Staff within the department extend their heartfelt congratulations to both Stephen and Greta on their recent appointments, and wish them success in their new and exciting roles.

**Launch of New Geographic Group**

ON SEPTEMBER 1, the department officially implemented an innovative structure to lead and manage Canada's bilateral and regional relations, and to integrate people and responsibilities. Instead of the three familiar branches that manage bilateral relations (NGM, RGM and WMM), the department will have one group, entitled the Geographic Group, with four assistant deputy ministers accountable for the collective leadership and vision. Each ADM will also be responsible

for a geographic portfolio: Europe and the Middle East; Latin America and the Caribbean; North America; and Asia and Africa. The integration of people and programs will be at the level of director general. DGs will act as chief operating officers for their regions and will have the primary role of dealing with stakeholders in the public and private sectors. It will be a natural partner for the International Platform Branch, which supports the people assigned to our international network and administers our property abroad (the "bricks and mortar").

**New Trade Offices Coming Soon**

ON JUNE 19, MINISTER Emerson announced that Canada is establishing 10 new trade offices in three countries—China, Brazil and Mexico—and is expanding its Trade Commissioner Service (TCS) in Canada with four new satellite offices in Kitchener, Ottawa, Victoria and Windsor. This is in addition to two new trade offices in India and one in Mongolia, announced in April. The government will also add new trade staff to existing offices in Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, India and Panama.

Minister Emerson also unveiled three important departmental documents: *Canada's State of Trade: Update on Trade and Investment—2008*, *Canada's International Market Access Report 2008*, and *Canada's Global Commerce Strategy: Seizing Global Advantage*. These announcements were part of the Minister's keynote address at the 9th annual International Trade Day at the Mississauga Convention Centre in Mississauga, Ontario.



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