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To All Employees of External Affairs and International Trade Canada.

Consistent with the themes announced by the Minister of Finance in the budget, I wish to inform you of the following decisions aimed at sharpening the focus of the Department's core mandate. In short getting back to basics. This will involve the transfer from EAITC of responsibility for:

- (a) immigration to Employment and Immigration Canada (EIC);
- (b) international cultural and academic relations to the Canada Council;
- (c) international sports to Fitness and Amateur Sport; and
- (d) international expositions to Communications Canada (DOC).

All other EAITC programs, including general relations, trade, communications, public affairs, consular affairs and the Passport Office will remain in EAITC. These changes will strengthen and clarify accountability by linking policy formulation and program delivery and in doing so should ensure greater operating efficiencies and improved service to Canadians.

I have initiated these changes at EAITC, in concert with the recipient organizations and the PCO, with a view to streamlining EAITC and positioning the Department to respond more effectively to the foreign policy and trade challenges facing Canada. I and my counterparts from the other organizations are committed to making these changes work to the benefit of all the programs involved. I recognize that for some of you these changes will be difficult but I expect everyone to respond professionally.

This transfer of programs respects the 1981/82 principles of consolidation of foreign operations. EAITC will continue to be responsible for coordinating the full range of Canada's relations with other countries and the authority of Heads of Mission will remain unchanged.

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