

- **Consider formally renouncing your second citizenship**, if you are able to do so and if it will eliminate certain risks. Citizenship cannot be renounced simply by making a personal declaration. You need to apply to the appropriate authorities of the country concerned and obtain formal approval. The necessary procedures can be lengthy and complex. Contact the country's embassy or consulate in Canada for information.
- **Contact the appropriate officials of the country of your second nationality before visiting there** if you have any questions or concerns.

A Canadian citizen of foreign origin travelled to his birth country on the documents of his other citizenship instead of his Canadian passport. He was arrested for problems associated with a business venture and jailed shortly after his arrival. Despite repeated requests for visitation rights by the Canadian government, access was denied for more than four years.

A bilateral treaty between Canada and China establishes that China will recognize the Canadian citizenship of persons with Chinese ancestry if they enter China using a Canadian passport.

- **Find out if you have obligations**, such as taxes, military service, or repayment of educational costs, in any country where you are a citizen. Have the information confirmed in writing and carry the document while travelling.
- **Contact the nearest Canadian embassy or consulate immediately** if you run into problems related to dual citizenship. If you cannot make contact and require immediate assistance, call collect to the Emergency Operations Centre of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada in Ottawa at 613-996-8885 (where service is available). Or contact us by e-mail, at sos@international.gc.ca.