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- The Service will place a high priority on continuous learning in order to effectively master the skills and knowledge necessary in a rapidly changing environment.
 - Global media coverage and computer data bases have changed the needs served by political, economic and trade reporting from many missions abroad. Instead, more time and effort is being devoted to securing access to decision-makers, negotiating, representing varied Canadian interests, and pursuing new approaches to promoting Canadian trade, investment and technology interests.
 - Resources devoted to international business promotion will also be deployed flexibly and focussed on markets where they are best used, as indicated earlier in this Statement.

The purpose of these and other changes will be to provide for more economical foreign operations with the least adverse impact on effectiveness. That said, reduced resources will inevitably bring a diminution in services. We will target our efforts on the most important of those services that the Foreign Service provides.

Changes in both the domestic and international environments also demand that new approaches be adopted to the management of key issues. The range of new challenges to international stability and security demand more focussed attention.

- DFAIT will provide leadership in helping to ensure the greatest possible coherence and synergy over the full range of the Government's international activities in order to ensure that we are effective in pursuing our key objectives. To this end, DFAIT and CIDA will establish a committee, chaired by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, to oversee systematic policy coordination between the two organizations. They will work in a more integrated fashion to ensure greater coherence in policy, operational and management terms. Where warranted, operations of the two will be rationalized to provide common services in the interests of greater economy and coherence.
- In pursuit of that broad objective, the Department will also establish the Bureau for Global Issues under an Assistant Deputy Minister who will also be responsible for international cultural relations. This new office will be specifically designed to help bring greater coherence to the Government's capacity to address internationally such issues as the global environment, population growth, international migration (including refugee issues), international crime, human rights, democratization, preventive diplomacy and post-conflict peacebuilding.