

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS -
OFFICIAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

I. INTRODUCTION

The Government recently modified its policies and programs concerning the use of Canada's two official languages in the Public Service. Although a number of revisions have been made, the three objectives or guiding principles of official languages policies and programs within the Public Service remain unchanged. These are:

- a) Canadians should be able to communicate with, and to obtain services from, the federal institutions of the government in the official language of their choice and arrangements should be made to this effect wherever there is sufficient demand for it.
- b) Subject to the previous principle, Canadians of the two official language groups should have equitable opportunities for employment and a career in the federal institutions of government and to work in the official language of their choice.
- c) The two official language groups should participate equitably in the federal institutions of government.