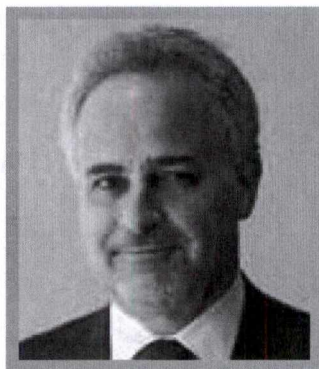


## **A message from the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Deputy Minister of International Trade, the Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Assistant Deputy Minister of the International Platform Branch**



**Morris Rosenberg**  
Deputy Minister of  
Foreign Affairs



**Louis Lévesque**  
Deputy Minister of  
International Trade

June 1, 2009, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, a very important event that was highlighted by several activities, including a number of special ceremonies bringing together employees in Ottawa and a number of missions, including Kandahar.

Throughout its history, the Department has often had to reinvent itself to preserve its relevance and remain a major Department in the service of Canadians. This is demonstrated by the implementation of the Department's Transformation Agenda that began at the end of 2007. Our efforts to transform continued throughout 2009-2010 with the reform of the operational model, which included an in-depth examination of work methods to identify new and more efficient ways of working, focus the Departmental efforts on its principal functions and optimize the modernization of operations in Canada and abroad.

Managing a network of 173 missions abroad is complex. To assist in this regard, the International Platform Branch delivers efficient services in support of Departmental initiatives to move forward Canada's international agenda. In 2009-2010, 1,035 employees and their dependents were provided relocation services between Canada and missions world wide. The network of missions abroad is made up of 7,730 positions held by Canada-based and locally engaged staff working for Canadians in 105 countries. It also has 32 partners and co-locators.