

The CM, CR, and SCY groups will be represented by the PSAC on this Committee. The committee may be expanded to other groups as required.

Management reported that the COSICS timetable has been set back two months to allow the Department to obtain bid clarification. It is expected that Treasury Board approval will be obtained by the end of March; at which point, the New York pilot project is expected to begin.

4. Decentralization of CIDA Operations:

In response to a Staff Side query, Management reported that a proposal is currently under consideration which would involve the transfer of person years from CIDA to DEA. In view of the fact that this issue is currently the subject of negotiation between CIDA, DEA, and Treasury Board, Management reported that it would be premature to discuss the various implications at this time. Management advised that further information will become available over the coming months.

5. Privileges and Immunities for Support Staff:

Management reported that a survey has been completed of the policies of other countries with which Canadian practices are usually compared. Consultations on this matter are currently being conducted with JLA and XDC. Staff Side was advised that Management is actively engaged on this matter and expects to present proposals to Senior Management within the next two months. Staff Side will be advised of any progress and/or developments at the next meeting of the EAJC.

6. Other Business:

Maternity Leave -- Management reported that a survey is being conducted in an effort to obtain information on maternity leave as it relates to employees assigned abroad who have taken or may take maternity leave. The purpose of the survey is to identify any problems which may exist in relation to the administration of maternity leave benefits.