

Canada was one of the founding members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1949, and has played an active role in the Organization during the many years of its existence. In May 1952, on the establishment of a NATO Permanent Council, a Canadian Permanent Delegation was set up in Paris to represent Canada's NATO interests. There is also in Paris a Canadian Permanent Delegation to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. In addition to representing Canada on these permanent international bodies and their various committees, officials of the Department of External Affairs have been members of Canadian delegations at a large number of international conferences in recent years.

Today, Canada conducts its external relations with some 85 countries through the following channels:

- (a) Embassies in: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroun, Chile, Colombia, Congo (Leopoldville), Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, The Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia;
- (b) Non-Resident Ambassadors in: Bolivia, Burma, the Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Dahomey, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Iceland, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Luxembourg, Morocco, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Paraguay, Senegal, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Upper Volta;
- (c) High Commissioners Offices in: Australia, Britain, Ceylon, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Malaya, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tanganyika, Trinidad and Tobago;
- (d) Non-Resident High Commissioners in: Cyprus, Sierra Leone, Uganda;
- (e) Consulates General in: Boston, Chicago, Hamburg, Los Angeles, Manila, New Orleans, New York, San Francisco, Seattle;
- (f) Consulates in: Detroit, Duesseldorf, Philadelphia, Sao Paulo;
- (g) Honorary Consulate-General in: Reykjavik;
- (h) Military Mission in: Berlin;
- (i) Canadian Permanent Missions to: United Nations (New York and Geneva);
- (j) Canadian Permanent Delegations to: North Atlantic Council, UNESCO, OECD;
- (k) Canadian Commissioners on: International Supervisory Commissions for Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam;
- (l) Canadian Mission (Resident in Brussels) to the European Communities: EEC, EAEC, ECSC.