

MANDATE OF THE CONSULAR AFFAIRS BUREAU

The mandate of the Consular Affairs Bureau is to provide assistance to Canadians travelling and living abroad. This includes delivering consular, citizenship and passport services to Canadians in other countries. Consular service consists of a range of assistance and protection activities for Canadians associated with:

- *arrest and detention*
- *medical emergencies and accidents*
- *kidnapping, hostage taking and hijacking*
- *child abduction, custody and welfare and family distress*
- *deaths (murder, accidental, suicide and natural)*
- *evacuations and repatriations*
- *civil and natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, volcanoes and coups)*
- *victims of crime*
- *missing persons*
- *financial and travel emergencies*
- *legal, notary and other specialized services (vessel registration, voting abroad, etc.)*

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