- Department of External Affairs in respect of its role in managing international negotiations and fostering the development of international law;
- . Canadian International Development Agency in its administration of official development assistance;
- . Status of Women Canada as the lead domestic department for women's issues;
- Department of Finance as the lead department for international economic policy.

The core group of four departments will be expanded on an issues-related basis to include other departments when necessary.

Reports on ISG/IWF progress and activities will be disseminated regularly through the Interdepartmental Committee on the Specialized Agencies, relevant sectoral interdepartmental committees of the federal government and through appropriate federal-provincial-territorial mechanisms.