

- CANADA IS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING SUCH A CONFERENCE; HOWEVER, AN EXECUTING AGENCY HAS YET TO BE IDENTIFIED. IDEA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN INSTITUTE WITH BOTH CAPACITY AND NETWORKS TO ORGANIZE THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.
- IF IDEA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS THE EXECUTING AGENCY FOR THIS CONFERENCE, DFAIT OFFICIALS WOULD FOLLOW UP DIRECTLY WITH THE INSTITUTE.

12:15 Signing Ceremony, 9th Floor

You will walk with the IDEA delegation down to the 9th floor, where your lunch guests will have gathered for cocktails. You will find a table prepared for the signing ceremony. You will sit on the right, the SecGen on the left. JLAB/Andre Bergeron will be presiding over the event. Mr. Bergeron will give you the Instrument of Accession, which you will give to the SecGen. The SecGen will give you the membership agreement to sign. You will do so, then pass it to Mr. Bergeron to be stamped. He will then pass the agreement back to SecGen and clap.

You will have 10 minutes to mingle before proceeding to a sit down lunch. During this time, you may wish to make the following points on Canadian membership in IDEA.

POINTS TO REGISTER:

- * SINCE ITS CREATION IN 1995, IDEA HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND CREDIBLE IN THE AREAS OF PEACEBUILDING, ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE AND DEMOCRATIZATION
- * CANADA IS PLEASED TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THIS INSTITUTE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHERING OUR FOREIGN POLICY GOALS BY WORKING WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF IDEA
- * THE UNIQUE MANDATE OF THE INSTITUTE WILL ALLOW US TO WORK ACTIVELY ON SENSITIVE DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEBUILDING ISSUES THROUGH SUCH MECHANISMS AS COALITIONS OF THE WILLING
- * CANADA ALSO LOOKS FORWARD TO SHARING OUR EXPERTISE THROUGH MORE EXECUTIVE EXCHANGES WITH IDEA, SUCH AS THE ONE BETWEEN RON GOULD OF ELECTIONS CANADA AND THE INSTITUTE

12:30 Lunch, 9th Floor

Around the table, your guests will include Minister Marleau and IDRC President, Maureen O'Neil (see attached guest list). At this time, you may wish to make several