

## Mail

Mail systems tend to be very slow and unpredictable in most developing nations. Another fact to be borne in mind is that magazine subscriptions usually cost two or three times as much outside Canada and the United States. In many cases, it is more practical to have your mail sent to a forwarder in Canada or the United States and have it sent periodically by courier.

## Internet

Access to the Internet is now widely available around the world, but is limited by the quality of local telephone lines and by satellite bandwidth. Be prepared to make repeated calls to get a connection and do not expect to be

able to handle the large volume of information that you would in Canada. You can obtain a list of providers around the world from the Internet (<http://thelist.internet.com/countrycode.html>).

## Television and Radio

Canadian news and public affairs programs are available on the DirectTV direct-to-home satellite system, which is based in the United States. These programs are also accessible via satellite in many parts of Latin America and the Caribbean, and in some other areas of the world. Canadian radio is available in many parts of the world via the CBC short-wave service. CBC programs can also be heard over the Internet where there is sufficient local bandwidth. TV5 broadcasts news in French.

## Canadian Consular Services

If you plan to be a resident of another country for three months or more, you are encouraged to register with the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission. This will make it easier for consular officials to contact you in the event of a personal or other emergency. Registration is voluntary; registration forms are

available from any Canadian mission, and the information you provide is not shared with any other Canadian government department. Refer to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's publication, *Bon Voyage, But...* or the Department's Web site (<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca>) for a complete list-