2. ORGANIZATION

2.1 MINISTERS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs is responsible for managing the overall mandate of the department together with the Minister for International Trade who is responsible for international trade relations and export promotion. The Minister for External Relations and International Development assists the Secretary of State for External Affairs in conducting Canada's international relations.

2.2 UNDER-SECRETARIAL GROUP

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

Mr. de Montigny Marchand

- as Deputy Head of External Affairs, is responsible for the overall direction and coordination of the department's policy formulation, program operations and management;
- as a member of the Coordinating Committee of Deputy Ministers (CCDM), serves as a senior advisor to Government on a wide range of policies and programs;
- chairs the Executive Committee, made up of the Under-Secretarial Group and the President of CIDA, which is the senior policy coordination group in the department; and
- chairs the Program Management Board which considers resource planning and management issues, and the Policy Committee which considers major foreign policy issues.

The Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

Mr. Raymond Chrétien

- serves as the senior manager for all corporate management, policy coordination, personnel and administrative issues;
- is responsible for central staff units;
- acts for the Under-Secretary as required; and