

# Canada & the World

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*“Our world is smaller and more crowded than ever before. While sovereign states remain the fundamental building blocks of international society, they now share the landscape with a host of other actors. Globalization has connected people and places in ways that were around national economies. In the process it has generated unprecedented levels of wealth. Yet many have been left behind and unexpected threats have emerged. Canadians now understand that seemingly remote events can have direct, and sometimes dire, domestic consequences.”*

It has been said, that within the borders of Canada a mini world exists. With our increasing cultural diversity we become more aware of the ‘Global Village’ and the opportunities it holds. Canadians are traveling to foreign lands and experiencing unique cultures, negotiating trade agreements with emerging global economies, addressing concerns of global security and environmental issues. No man or country is an island and Canada’s international relationships are based on equality and democracy.

*“Foreign Policy is how a nation best expresses itself to the world.”*

The Right Honourable Paul Martin

*“Foreign Affairs Canada represents Canada around the world through our network of embassies and trade and diplomatic offices, and by participating in multilateral institutions and international agreements. We work to promote prosperity, ensure Canadians’ security within a global framework and promote Canadian values and culture on the international stage.”*

# How is Canada involved around the world?



Since January 2004, Canada has:

- Launched the Canada Corps to work in Ukraine
- Led the International Mission for Iraqi Elections
- Commanded the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan and the multinational force in Haiti
- Negotiated a new Security and Prosperity Partnership with our Counterparts in North America
- Pursued trade, science & technology agreements with India, Japan & Korea
- Shown leadership in combating HIV/AIDS in the developing world
- Encouraged debt relief for the poorest countries