

Subject: **OWNERSHIP OF LAND BY A FOREIGN COUNTRY**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. If a foreign country is acquiring an interest in land, approval of the acquisition by the Federal Department of External Affairs must be endorsed on or attached to the instrument or caveat before it may be registered. The acquisition will usually be for diplomatic purposes such as a consulate.
2. If a representative of a country attempts to deal with land registered in the name of the foreign country, some evidence that he has the authority to execute the document is required. A document such as a power of attorney or letters of credence under the seal from the appropriate department or agency of the foreign government (e.g., the State Department of the United States of America) evidencing that the individual has the authority to sign is required. This document is attached to the document being presented for registration and may be referred to if required in a subsequent registration.