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Vincent Rigby is Assistant Deputy Minister of Strategic Policy at the Department of Global Affairs Canada (GAC). He is responsible for providing integrated strategic policy advice that reflects the foreign policy, development and trade/economic streams of the Department. He has carried out a number of specific roles in this position, including G7 Sous-Sherpa, Chief Negotiator for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and Chair of the Arctic Council's Senior Arctic Officials. In his current capacity, Mr. Rigby also serves as the Prime Minister's personal representative (sherpa) to the G-20.

Prior to the creation of GAC, Mr. Rigby held the title of Vice-President of the Strategic Policy and Performance Branch of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), a role to which he was appointed in December 2010. He was responsible for developing and coordinating Canada's international assistance policy as well as overseeing the performance management and evaluation of Canada's development programme.

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Before arriving at PCO, Mr. Rigby was Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) at the Department of National Defence (DND) from 2006 to 2008. He was responsible for supporting the Minister of National Defence in the formulation and execution of defence policy both at home and overseas. Over his 14 years at DND, Mr. Rigby held a number of other positions within the Policy Group, including Director General Policy Planning, Director of Policy Development and Director of Arms and Proliferation Control Policy. Prior to joining DND, he was a defence and foreign policy analyst at the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament from 1991 to 1994.

Mr. Rigby holds an MA in diplomatic and military history from Carleton University in Ottawa.

