

Infrastructure Programme, and in the Alliance's efforts to foster armaments co-operation, improves the access of Canadian firms to Alliance defence and defence-related markets and enhances their opportunities for co-operation and contracts with other Alliance firms, particularly those involved in high technology areas.

The Canadian Delegation, assisted by the Canadian Military Representative, is the pre-eminent means whereby Canada's objectives are pursued in NATO. To fulfill its tasks, the Delegation employs nine officers from External Affairs, five from National Defence, and one from Emergency Preparedness Canada. While its officers represent Canada at the majority of NATO meetings, particularly those of the main committees, their efforts are assisted by the participation annually of up to 650 officials and experts from Canada and posts abroad.

- The Delegation advances Canadian objectives and interests at NATO through:
  - a) participating on behalf of Canada in the negotiation of consensus decisions;
  - b) representing Canadian views and explaining policies;
  - c) analyzing, influencing, and reporting on views of Allies; and
  - d) participating in Canadian policy formulation.