

### **External Affairs 1977-78 budget by category of expenditure**

Of the total budget, \$121.6 million was used for relations with foreign governments, \$9.9 million for assistance to Canadians abroad, \$28.2 million for information and cultural relations, and \$27.9 million for general administration. In addition, \$76.5 million was required to provide support services to other departments and agencies having representatives abroad, notably the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Canadian International Development Agency.

An amount of \$178.5 million was required for operations and maintenance. Included in this category were expenditures of \$95.7 million for salaries and other personnel costs of departmental and post employees, \$16.9 million for rental of properties abroad and the balance for covering a variety of costs associated with the conduct of foreign relations. Travel and communications represented a large portion of the Department's non-salary operating expenses. To provide efficient communications, including courier service, between headquarters and posts abroad, \$9.9 million was needed. The costs of moving departmental personnel to and from posts abroad, both on routine duty and when travelling with dependents, amounted to \$13.7 million.

The capital budget of the Department consisted of \$11.6 million for the regular replacement of equipment, vehicles and furniture and \$20.5 million for the acquisition or construction of property. The latter sum permitted the Department to effect long-term savings through the planned acquisition of property abroad for chanceries, official residences and staff accommodation.

A large part of the total of \$53.7 million identified as grants and contributions consisted of payments resulting from Canada's membership in international organizations. A sum of \$28.6 million was required to meet the mandatory costs of Canadian membership in the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, including \$3.2 million as Canada's assessed share of the expenses of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East. Grants and contributions were also paid to such organizations as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (\$2.8 million), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (\$2.3 million), the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (\$3.2 million), and the Pan-American Health Organization (\$1.9 million). A sum of \$1.2 million is paid by the Department to local authorities in Canada in lieu of taxes on diplomatic and consular property; comparable Canadian Government property abroad is also untaxed.