

for External Affairs is the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on External Policy and Defence, the meetings of which are usually attended by the Under-Secretary or officials from the Department as well. The Department is also represented at the meetings of the Defence Council in the Department of National Defence and on several senior interdepartmental bodies that advise on various aspects of defence policy. The Director General of the Bureau is a member of the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board of Defence, and the Bureau provides a member and the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Canada-U.S. Civil Emergency Planning Committee.

The Bureau is responsible for the direction of Canadian participation in the exploratory talks on Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions (MBFR), which commenced in January 1973 in Vienna. It is supported in this task by an interdepartmental committee made up of representatives of the Departments of External Affairs and National Defence.

The *Defence Relations Division* has the task of co-ordinating departmental views and preparing guidance for the departmental representatives on such interdepartmental bodies, as well as providing advice on the defence aspects of Canada's bilateral relations with various countries. In particular, it is the responsibility of the officers of the North American and NATO Sections of this division to co-ordinate the preparation of instructions for the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels, and briefs for the twice-yearly meetings of the Council in ministerial sessions. The division provides the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Canada-U.S. Permanent Joint Board on Defence, which meets three times a year.

The Military Assistance and Peacekeeping Section of the Defence Relations Division co-ordinates Canadian military-training assistance to newly-independent countries (an activity that is financed through the Department's appropriations) and co-operates with the Department of National Defence in international peacekeeping matters, including the Canadian military contribution to United Nations operations such as the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in the Middle East (UNTSO). This section is also responsible for Canada's relations with Cyprus. In addition, it assists in making arrangements for naval visits, clearances for military aircraft and the employment of Canadian Forces personnel or equipment in international relief operations abroad.

The *Arms Control and Disarmament Division* is responsible for the development of advice and recommendations concerning governmental