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As financial, labour, and technological markets, and the trading environment in general, become increasingly internationalized, national economies are pulled closer and closer together. The type of interdependence which results determines the framework within which resource managers operate. This is the case because, unquestionably, international policies at GATT, the Law of the Sea and elsewhere, and the interplay of these policies, establish a trading environment which either enhances or limits the extent to which national resource policies can be successfully pursued. "International Forum" highlights some of these international policies relative to the future of the mineral sector.

CANADA'S SCIENCE COUNSELLOR NETWORK

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This is a brief introduction to the Canadian science counsellor network; its history, its activities and the people and organizations involved.

Science counsellors are scientific and technological representatives of the Government of Canada at selected posts abroad. Their objective is to ensure that Canada derives maximum benefit from collaboration with other countries or international bodies in fields of scientific and technological endeavour.

The science counsellor network represents one important aspect of Canada's overall international relations in science and technology. Six posts - London, Paris, Washington, Bonn, Brussels and Tokyo - have been selected as locations for full-time science counsellors on the basis of being situated in technologically advanced countries with whom Canada has a multifaceted relationship, including an active trade connection. A number of other posts report on science and technology matters in the host country and facilitate international exchanges; for example, the on-going exchanges in the field of metallurgy with the Soviet Union and missions such as the Petroleum Geology and Geochemistry mission to China.

Science counsellors are not new to the Canadian foreign affairs scene, two positions having been established in Washington and London during World War II. By 1963, Canada, under the auspices of the National Research Council,

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