

defence aspects of Canadian foreign policy (excluding arms-control and disarmament questions). In carrying out this task, the division engages in extensive liaison with the Department of National Defence, as well as other departments and agencies such as the Privy Council Office and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

The NATO Section is concerned with the foreign and defence policy aspects of Canada's participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This involves continuous departmental and interdepartmental co-operation in the preparation of instructions for the Canadian delegation to NATO in Brussels on the wide range of subjects of concern to the alliance, as well as in preparations for the semi-annual meetings of NATO foreign and defence ministers. The section is also responsible for the financing and staffing of Canada's NATO delegation and for matters relating to the presence of Canadians on NATO's International Secretariat.

The North American Defence Section co-ordinates Government policy and action on all aspects of North American defence and ensures that the foreign-policy considerations inherent in Canada-U.S. military co-operation are fully considered. The principal consultative mechanism for Canada-U.S. defence co-operation is the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, which meets four times a year. The section also co-ordinates Canadian co-operation with the U.S. pertaining to the various research activities that assist in maintaining the defence preparedness of North America.

The Military Assistance and Peacekeeping Section of the Defence Relations Division co-ordinates Canadian military-training assistance to developing 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 three UN peacekeeping and observer operations in the Middle East: the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (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 employment of Canadian Forces personnel or equipment