

are co-ordinated with the activities of the Canadian International Development Agency, and with the development assistance programs for which the Agency is responsible. The division is also responsible for consulting with the provinces with respect to the conclusion of treaties, conventions, and other formal agreements between Canada and foreign countries when these touch upon fields of provincial or joint federal-provincial jurisdiction.

The Office of Economic Affairs co-ordinates and develops policy and initiatives touching on broader questions of major significance for Canada in international economic affairs. It includes three divisions: Aid and Development, Commercial Policy and Transport, Communications and Energy.

The Aid and Development Division provides a focus for co-ordination of departmental views on aid policy questions and a channel for consultation with the Canadian International Development Agency and with other government departments and agencies which have an interest in particular aspects of development assistance activities, both bilateral and multilateral. The division also has responsibilities for special measures designed to promote the trading interests of developing countries, and provides liaison with the Export Development Corporation. It supplies representation at relevant interdepartmental consultations on aid questions and helps to staff Canadian delegations to international aid conferences, such as the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the United Nations Development Program.

With the exception of the specific areas noted below, the Commercial Policy Division has responsibility for general international economic, trade and financial policy questions, including Canada's bilateral relations in these fields with all countries, and Canadian participation in international organizations and multilateral arrangements concerned with such matters. The exceptions referred to above are bilateral and multilateral foreign aid and development, and energy, transport and communication questions.

The Transport, Communications and Energy Division is generally responsible for technical and technological questions of concern to the Department. Under transport, its responsibilities include civil aviation and shipping. The division is concerned with telecommunications, communications satellites, the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization and, with UN Division, policy matters in the ITU as part of its general responsibility for communications. Its responsibilities with respect to energy include nuclear energy, the IAEA, oil and natural gas. In addition, the division maintains close liaison with science-based departments and agencies on questions concerning the application of technology. It is also responsible within the Department for questions relating to the export of strategic materials.

With the establishment of a Scientific Relations and Environmental Problems Division in 1970, the Department recognized the growing importance of the role of science and technology in the conduct of international affairs. While the Department has always been concerned with a variety of activities involving Canadian scientific interests, this organizational change has provided a new