

The *World Exhibitions Program* is concerned with liaison with and representation at the International Bureau of Exhibitions in Paris. It co-ordinates the handling of invitations to take part in world exhibitions, determines interdepartmental interest and makes recommendations. It also provides for the organization and direction of Canadian participation in world exhibitions.

The *Historical Division* is responsible for the archive activities of the Department, for historical work in the realm of foreign affairs, and for the preparation of background material on international issues for use in the Department. The division deals with requests from scholars studying Canada's external relations for access to departmental records and assists them in their research when possible. It also conducts the Department's program of oral history.

One of the major tasks of this division is the compilation and editing of state papers in the continuing series entitled *Documents on Canadian External Relations*, four volumes of which have already been published. The fifth and sixth volumes will appear shortly, and editorial work on two further volumes, which will bring the series down to December 1941, is well advanced.

The *Bureau of Co-ordination* co-ordinates and develops policies concerning provincial participation in Canada's international relations and Canada's role in the institutions and activities of the Commonwealth and of La Francophonie. It comprises three divisions: Federal-Provincial Co-ordination, Commonwealth Institutions and Francophone Institutions.

The *Federal-Provincial Co-ordination Division* is concerned with the federal-provincial aspects of Canada's international relations. The division's primary responsibility is to maintain liaison with the provinces regarding their interest in international affairs and to facilitate their international activities in a manner that will fully meet provincial objectives and be consistent with a unified Canadian foreign policy. Thus the division carries out a liaison function at both the provincial and federal levels of government. On the provincial level, it is in regular contact with officials of the provinces and, in conjunction with provincial authorities, seeks to establish closer working relations and more effective procedures for consultation. On the federal level, the division co-operates with other departments and agencies to ensure that full account is taken of provincial interests abroad. The division co-ordinates the activities of other divisions of the Department and of Canadian posts when these relate to areas of provincial interest.