- (d) it consults with the foreign ministries of other governments and with the Secretary-General on United Nations matters, through Canadian missions abroad and through the Canadian Permanent Delegations to the United Nations in New York and Geneva;
- (e) it provides general guidance and political advice to other departments and government agencies having special interest in specific aspects of the work of the United Nations, and acts as an agency co-ordinating their activities.

The Department of External Affairs has primary responsibility for advising the Government on international political questions and on the international political aspects of other questions discussed at meetings of United Nations bodies. It also deals in the first instance with a number of other questions which are not the direct concern of other departments, in particular constitutional and legal questions pertaining to United Nations bodies. The Department of External Affairs is also entrusted with making recommendations to the Government concerning Canadian relations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. There is no department in the Canadian Government responsible for educational questions: provincial government have sole jurisdiction in this field.

The Department of External Affairs usually assumes primary responsibility for consultation with other government departments, for the preparation of recommendations on policy, and for the subsequent interpretation and presentation of policy at international meetings. However, on matters of a technical or highly specialized nature falling directly within the jurisdiction of other departments, this responsibility may be shared with, or vested in, the interested departments. For example, the Minister of Finance, as Canadian member of the Boards of Governors of the International Bank and of the International Monetary Fund is responsible for Canadian policies in these Agencies. The special interests of other departments or agencies of the Canadian Government are reflected by their participation in the formulation and presentation of Canadian policies in respect to the following United Nations bodies:

Canadian Department	United Nations Body
Agriculture	Food and Agriculture Organization
Citizenship and Immigration	Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees
Civil Service Commission	All United Nations bodies (personnel questions)
Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Statistical Commission of the Economic and Social Council
	Population Commission of the Economic and Social Council
Finance	All United Nations bodies (administrative and budgetary questions)
	Fiscal Commission of the Economic and Social Council
Finance (in consultation with the Bank of Canada)	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
	International Monetary Fund
Justice	Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council

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