

Law in Armed Conflict and to the International Red Cross Conference of Governmental Experts on Weapons Which Cause Unnecessary Suffering or Have Indiscriminate Effects.

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- (1) to advise the Department of External Affairs and the Canadian Government on matters of international law;
- (2) to contribute to the progressive development of international law in the light of Canadian interests;
- (3) to ensure the development and execution of Canadian foreign policy in accordance with recognized or developing principles of international law;
- (4) to initiate, through appropriate consultation, reviews of established Canadian policy in the field of international legal affairs in the light of domestic and international developments and changing Canadian interests; to plan new initiatives as appropriate;
- (5) to manage the execution of foreign policy in this area of responsibility, and to ensure the effective operation of the Bureau;
- (6) to service enquiries from the public, and in particular from the legal profession, concerning both public and private international-law matters;
- (7) to provide for departmental liaison with the Department of Justice;
- (8) to monitor domestic-law developments to ensure that inconsistencies with Canada's international legal obligations are identified;
- (9) in liaison with the Bureau of Personnel, to develop and maintain within the career foreign service a supply of legally-qualified personnel to staff legal positions in the Department and at posts.