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 communications questions.

The Transport, Communications and Energy Division is primarily concerned with the external-affairs aspects of transport, communications and energy, including bilateral and multilateral questions relating to atomic energy, bilateral civil aviation agreements, INTELSAT and other communications subjects, matters related to the export of strategic materials, and bilateral energy relations with the United States. This division has responsibility for matters concerning the International Atomic Energy Agency; the entry into force of the Treaty for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons has given added importance to the Agency's safeguarding role.

The Scientific Relations and Environmental Problems Division was established in 1970 as a reflection of the growing importance of science, technology and environmental problems in the conduct of international relations. This division enables the Department to meet new responsibilities, and has concentrated existing activities, hitherto dispersed, in one unit. The division is concerned with international, largely intergovernmental, aspects of activities predominantly scientific and technical in nature, or relating to the preservation of the human environment. Divisional responsibilities also include the following: the conduct of scientific relations with other countries and international organizations, including the negotiation of agreements pertaining to scientific, technological and environmental matters; the provision of advice on scientific questions with foreign-policy implications; liaison and co-ordination with science-based departments and agencies; and the administrative direction of official scientific representation abroad.

The direct relations between foreign and defence policies requires close liaison between the Department of External Affairs and other departments, particularly the Department of National Defence. The Bureau of Defence and Arms Control Affairs, consisting of the Defence Relations Division and the Arms Control and Disarmament Division, is responsible for these aspects of the Department's work.

The co-ordination of Canadian foreign and defence policies in connection with Canada's participation in North American defence, Canadian membership in NATO and other military activities abroad is carried out through a variety of interdepartmental channels and groups in which the Department is represented. The Secretary of State