

The *Science and Environment 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 inter-governmental, 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 relation between foreign and defence policies requires close liaison between the Department of External Affairs and other departments concerned, 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, including peace-keeping, is carried out through a variety of inter-department channels and groups in which the Department is represented. The Secretary of State for External Affairs is the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on External Policy and Defence, the meetings of which are attended by the Under-Secretary and officials from the Department as required. The Department is also represented on various senior interdepartmental bodies that advise on aspects of defence policy. The Director-General of the Bureau is a member of the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence, and the bureau provides the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the PJBD. It also represents the Department on the Canada-U.S. Civil Emergency Planning Committee.

The *Defence Relations Division* has the general task of co-ordinating departmental views and preparing policy proposals on