

United States in the defence of North America. They are also responsible for co-operation with the appropriate government departments and agencies concerning the Canadian military contribution to United Nations peace-keeping operations such as the UN Emergency Force in the Middle East (UNEF), the UN Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), the UN India-Pakistan Observation Mission (UNIPOM), and the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO). These divisions are charged with responsibility for Canadian technical military assistance to newly-independent members of the Commonwealth, which has been increasing in importance in recent years, with responsibility for emergency planning, and with responsibility for co-operation with the Department of National Defence in arranging naval visits, tours of the National Defence College and clearance for military aircraft.

The co-ordination of Canadian foreign and defence policies in connection with Canada's membership in NATO and participation in North American defence is dealt with by various committees on which the Department is represented. The Secretary of State for External Affairs is the vice-chairman of the Cabinet Committee on External Affairs and Defence, the meetings of which are usually attended by the Under-Secretary as well. From time to time, the Under-Secretary may attend, and is regularly represented at, the meetings of the Defence Council in the Department of National Defence. He is also a member of several senior interdepartmental bodies that examine and advise on various aspects of defence questions. The Department provides the Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee. The Defence Liaison Divisions are responsible for co-ordinating departmental views and for preparing papers for the departmental representatives on these interdepartmental bodies.

It is the duty of Defence Liaison officers to co-ordinate the preparation of instructions for the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the North Atlantic Council and briefs for the ministerial meetings of the Canada-United States Committee on Joint Defence, which also meets at the ministerial level alternately in Canada and the United States, and for the meetings of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, which meets three times a year.

The Disarmament Division, which is responsible to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, assists the Adviser to the Government on Disarmament in carrying out his duties. It is concerned with Canada's part in international disarmament negotiations, such as those dealing with the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, the cessation of nuclear-weapon tests and related problems. It is directly involved in the negotiation of disarmament agreements by the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee, as well as in more general discussions of disarmament in the UN Disarmament Commission, the UN General Assembly and other forums.

In consultation with other divisions of the Department and with the Department of National Defence and other government departments and agencies, and in concert with the Canadian delegations to the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee, the UN Disarmament Commission and the UN General Assembly, the division is responsible for initiating recommendations on Canadian disarmament policy and preparing reports and information material on Canadian activities in this field.