

of matters that are primarily legal, economic, consular, etc., and they have a general responsibility for co-ordinating the various aspects of Canadian policy with respect to the countries and areas under their jurisdiction.

The United Nations Division deals with matters relating to the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies. It is responsible for providing advice on matters relating to Canadian participation in and policies toward these organizations and for co-ordinating the work of other divisions of the Department and other departments of the Government in this connection.

The Information Division of the Department has two main responsibilities: to provide information on Canada's external policies and the work of the department; and to convey to the citizens and governments of other countries a knowledge and understanding of Canada and the Canadian people. Within Canada the Information Division makes available current and background information on government policy on international issues of concern to this country, and on the activities of the Department in general; deals with requests from government departments, educational institutions, business, private organizations and the Canadian public for information pertaining to Canada's external relations; and produces and distributes to interested organizations and individuals a variety of publications such as the texts of Statements and Speeches, the Monthly Bulletin, the Canadian Weekly Bulletin, Reference Papers, Reprints and occasional booklets or folders to meet specific needs. The Division also assists journalists and other visitors from foreign countries to obtain information on Canada. Outside Canada, the Information Division is responsible for the co-ordination of Canadian information activities and, in most countries, also has direct responsibility for the conduct of these activities which include the dissemination of general and specific information concerning our economic and cultural interests as well as our external policies. The Division has specific responsibility for liaison with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and for the maintenance of certain aspects of cultural relations with other countries. It also has responsibility for liaison with the Information Services of the United Nations in New York, of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris, and of the Colombo Plan in Colombo and, through the Inter-departmental Committee on Information, with other government departments concerned with distributing Canadian information abroad.

There are two Economic Divisions which between them deal with all financial, commercial and general economic questions possessing international implications. They are therefore responsible for the work of the Department in connection with commercial and financial treaties and agreements; treatment of foreign assets in Canada and of Canadian assets abroad; programmes of assistance to foreign countries; foreign loans; international civil aviation; telecommunications; shipping; and exchange and balance-of-payments problems. Co-ordination of policy is secured by co-operation with the Departments of Finance, Trade and Commerce, National Revenue, Agriculture and Transport and with the Bank of Canada. Relations with certain international agencies in the economic field are also the responsibility of the Economic Divisions.