

ICAO's proposed budget for 1977 is \$15,895,000 (U.S.). Canada's contribution in 1976 was \$443,000 (Cdn), or 3.29 per cent of the total budget of \$15,039,000 (U.S.).

The *Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization*, one of the smallest (in size of programs) of the Specialized Agencies, is located in London. Its purpose is to facilitate the co-operation of governments in all technical matters affecting shipping. IMCO also endeavours to promote the highest levels of shipping safety and efficiency, and to encourage the cessation of discriminatory actions and the abandonment of unnecessary restrictions by governments. For 1977, IMCO has proposed a budget of \$15,990,000 (U.S.). In 1976, Canada's share was .81 per cent, or \$42,000 (Cdn), of a total budget of \$5,260,000 (U.S.).

The *International Telecommunication Union*, oldest of the Specialized Agencies, is responsible for regulating, co-ordinating and planning international telecommunications in the fields of telephone, telegraphy and broadcasting. As part of its efforts to help make telecommunication services available to all countries, the ITU co-operates with individual countries in developing telecommunications. For 1976, the ITU budget was \$22,932,000 (U.S.), and it is foreseen that costs as a whole will rise to \$27,015,000 (U.S.) in 1977. Canada contributed \$690,000 (Cdn) in 1976, about 4.32 per cent of the total.

The *World Meteorological Organization* was established in 1950 to replace the International Meteorological Organization, formed in 1878. The WMO's primary function is to facilitate the international exchange of weather reports, to aid aviation and shipping, and to help countries establish meteorological services. Its 1977 budget is estimated at \$10,583,000 (U.S.). Canada contributed \$243,000 (Cdn) in 1976, or 2.58 per cent of the whole.

The *Universal Postal Union* is another agency dating from the last century. Its purpose is to promote the organization and improvement of postal services and to provide technical assistance as requested. This purpose is furthered by the establishment of principles and standardization practices for international exchanges and by the agreement of all members to transmit the mail of all other members by the best means available. The 1976 budget of the UPU was \$5,655,000 (U.S.), of which Canada contributed \$130,000 (Cdn).

The *World Intellectual Property Organization* is the newest of