

and staffing of Canada's NATO delegation and the NATO International Secretariat.

The North American Defence Section co-ordinates Government policy and action on all aspects of North American defence, including Canadian participation in the Canada-U.S. Permanent Joint Board on Defence, which meets three times a year.

The Military Assistance and Peacekeeping Section of the Defence Relations Division co-ordinates Canadian military-training assistance to developing countries (an activity that is financed through the Department's appropriations) and co-operates with the Department of National Defence in international peacekeeping matters, including the Canadian military contribution to United Nations operations such as the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in the Middle East (UNTSO), and United Nations operations in the Middle East (UNEF, UNDOF). This section is also responsible for Canada's relations with Cyprus. In addition, it assists in making arrangements for naval visits, clearances for military aircraft and the employment of Canadian Forces personnel or equipment in international relief operations abroad.

The *Arms Control and Disarmament Division* is responsible for the formulation of advice and policy recommendations related to Canada's contribution to negotiations intended to arrest the arms race. It acts in close consultation with the Defence Relations Division and with the Directorate of Arms Control Policy of the Department of National Defence. The division prepares instructions for Canadian representatives participating in discussions in the United Nations General Assembly and the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament in Geneva, which is the negotiating body that reports annually to the UN General Assembly. The Committee is seeking agreements in such areas of arms control as the comprehensive prohibition of nuclear-weapons tests and a ban on the development, production and stock-piling of chemical weapons. This division also assists in the formulation and co-ordination of Canadian policies on arms-control questions under consideration in NATO. Among these are (a) the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) between the United States and the Soviet Union, on which the United States consults closely with its NATO allies, (b) the negotiations on Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions, and (c) the military aspects of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). The division also co-operates with the Legal Operations Division and the Department of National Defence in preparing contributions to the Diplomatic Conference on Humanitarian