

International questions of social policy, human rights and humanitarian affairs, and the status of women, fall within the purview of this division.

The *Bureau of Public Affairs* is responsible for the promotion of Canadian objectives and policies abroad and for creating within Canada an understanding of the aims of Canada's foreign policy and of the activities of the Department of External Affairs. Two major organizational groupings are involved — one concerned with information and day-to-day public relations, the other with cultural and academic relations and the longer-range promotion of mutual understanding between Canada and various foreign countries. These tasks require continuous liaison with other federal departments and agencies, with provincial governments, private organizations, institutions and individuals. The activities of the bureau support all programs of the Federal Government abroad.

The programs of the Bureau of Public Affairs are focused primarily on the United States, members of the European Community, and Japan, although every other Canadian mission is equipped, in some degree, to respond to enquiries about Canada. At present the components of the Bureau are: the Academic Relations Division, the Cultural Affairs Division, the Historical Division, the Information Services Division, the Public Relations Division and the World Exhibitions Program.

The *Academic Relations Division* co-ordinates and promotes relations between the Department and academic and para-academic groups active in fields related to studies and research in international relations. The division is also concerned with encouraging participation by internationalist scholars and professionals in the current analysis and long-term formulation of Canadian foreign policy. To these ends, the division sets up and maintains programs for the establishment and development of contacts with individuals and organizations, such as meetings of consultation, seminars and other forms of exchange.

The Academic Relations Division arranges the secondment to universities, on a yearly basis, of senior departmental officers ("foreign service visitors") to engage in teaching, discussion, research and other activities relating to international affairs. Each year the division draws up a list of officers who are prepared to participate in seminars at universities or to address interested academic and non-academic