

Consultation with Federal and Provincial Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations

The primary role of the Multilateral Relations and Sports Division is to promote Canada's interests in international and regional organizations such as UNESCO, the Council of Europe, and the Commonwealth given the ever increasing demand for consultation and co-ordination between federal and provincial governmental as well as non-governmental organizations.

UNESCO

This Division is responsible for the formulation of the federal government's contribution to UNESCO, taking into account provincial interests. It also maintains close links with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

Sports

The Division incorporates the International Sports Section whose mandate is to advise Canadian sports organizations on their overseas operations and assists them in the organization of major international sports events in Canada and abroad. Direct financial support is not normally given to sport, but the Department's facilities and resources are deployed as required by any particular event. The section advises the Minister of State, Fitness and Amateur Sports and Multiculturalism on the conduct of international sports exchanges and Canadian foreign policy as it affects sport operations, and it provides advice to the Under-Secretary and to the Ministers on sporting events which have implications for Canada's foreign relations.