

Sport

The Department was instrumental in preparing the ground for the successful negotiation of the Gleneagles Declaration against *apartheid* in sport by Commonwealth heads of government, which enabled African nations to accept invitations to the Commonwealth Games scheduled for Edmonton in 1978. The Department supported the visit of the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport, Iona Campagnolo, to the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic, Poland and Hungary. As a result of Mrs Campagnolo's visits, sports relations with these countries were improved and an exchange arrangement was signed with Poland. The participation of *Team Canada 77* in the World Hockey Championships in Vienna was supported by the Department, as well as a visit to China by the University of Toronto *Blues* hockey team. The Department helped Hockey Canada to bring Chinese players and coaches to Canada for a training period and, as in previous years, it advised and supported Canadian sports bodies that engaged in international meets and competitions.

UNESCO

The activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - encompassing the natural and social sciences, education and culture - have been of interest to many governmental departments and agencies in Canada, both federal and provincial, to institutions of higher learning, and to a number of private organizations and individuals. The Department has worked closely with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, and Canada's permanent delegation to UNESCO in Paris has served as intermediary between these Canadian entities and the UNESCO Secretariat to ensure that UNESCO benefited fully from Canadian experience and that affiliated Canadian bodies were kept informed of matters of interest to them.

Canada has participated enthusiastically in a variety of scientific programs such as the International Oceanographic Commission, the "Man and the Biosphere" Program, the International Hydrological Program, the International Geological Program and UNISIST - the UN intergovernmental program for co-operation in the field of scientific and technological information. Canada participated in the major Intergovernmental Conference on Environmental Education held in Tbilisi, U.S.S.R., in October. In 1976, Canada was elected to the 15-member World Heritage Committee and participated in the international campaign for the protection of the world's most significant historical and cultural monuments.