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### ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

The senior officials of the Department are the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (Deputy Minister), the Deputy Under-Secretary, and four Assistant Under-Secretaries, one of whom is Legal Adviser. The staff of the Department at home is organized in eighteen divisions, some concerned with special functions or services, some with particular geographical areas. This organization is outlined in Appendix A.

Canada now maintains 58 diplomatic and consular posts abroad, and a military mission at Berlin which also performs consular duties.<sup>1</sup> Of the 58 posts, 30 are embassies, 7 high commissioners' offices, 7 legations, 3 permanent missions to international organizations, and 11 consulates. During the year the legations in Norway and Portugal were raised to the status of embassies, and the consulate at New Orleans became a consulate general. Canada did not open any new diplomatic or consular posts during 1955.

Forty-six countries now have diplomatic missions in Canada.<sup>2</sup> Of these, 30 are embassies, 6 high commissioners' offices, and 10 legations. In addition, 11 countries have consulates general or consulates in Canada but no resident diplomatic missions. During 1955 Lebanon established a legation in Ottawa and the legations of Norway and Portugal were raised to the status of embassies.

Canada's acceptance of membership during 1954, along with India and Poland, on the International Supervisory Commissions for Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam required the assignment of departmental personnel to Phnom Penh in Cambodia, Vientiane in Laos, and Hanoi and Saigon in Vietnam. The responsibility for organizing and manning the Canadian elements of the International Supervisory Commissions is shared with the Department of National Defence. The administrative problems created by the operation in Indochina have been manifold and varied. For example, in order to meet the personnel requirements in Indochina, it has been necessary to reduce the normal strength of some missions abroad and of divisions in Ottawa and to recruit personnel from other government departments and from outside the government service.

As the result of a competition begun in November 1954, and conducted by the Civil Service Commission, 23 new Foreign Service Officers joined the Department in 1955. Another competition began with a written examination in December 1955 in which 207 candidates participated at centres across Canada and in other parts of the world. The number of candidates who took part in last year's examination was 373. During

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix B on "Canadian Diplomatic and Consular Representation Abroad".

<sup>2</sup> See Appendix C on "Diplomatic and Consular Representation of Other Countries in Canada".