

Ongoing federal-provincial consultation ensured that the interests of the provinces were considered in the formulation of international relations policies and that provincial authorities were kept informed of the federal government's position on issues of mutual interest.

The Department facilitated provincial participation in meetings of multilateral organizations such as the OECD, the Council of Europe, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Commonwealth, and Francophone institutions. It also helped to arrange an increasing number of visits abroad

for provincial premiers and delegations as well as visits of foreign delegations to the provinces.

In addition, the Department's telecommunications network was available to the provinces, providing them with rapid access to the diverse services offered by Canada's diplomatic and consular missions abroad. The Department continued to transmit reports, comments and research material, particularly of an economic and commercial nature, from Canadian missions abroad to the provinces. The missions also maintained continuing contact with provincial offices located in their areas of responsibility.

K. SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE

In the past year, the Foreign Intelligence Bureau continued to provide intelligence to the decision-makers within the Department. By collecting, analyzing and disseminating intelligence, the Bureau ensured that senior managers and developers of policy received timely, relevant and assessed data relating to Canada's international role and the intentions of foreign states.

In addition, the Foreign Intelligence Bureau has exercised its full mandate of participating in the wider Canadian

intelligence community by preparing a large series of assessed intelligence reports for distribution by the Intelligence Advisory Committee to government-wide readers.

The Security Services and Emergency Coordination Bureau was responsible for managing the Department's involvement in a wide range of security issues with international dimensions, including coordination of Canada's international counter-terrorism policies. This was accomplished in consultation