

the Alliance members. There are few positions, however, in either Grade A (officers) or B and C (support) categories and these are often specialized positions requiring specific expertise and abilities related to the defence needs of the Alliance. Generally, applicants for Grade A positions are sponsored by their national governments and competition is fierce among the sixteen nations. Individual applicants without governmental support will also be considered but do not carry the same weight.

The positions at the International Secretariat of NATO require a security clearance. It would be advisable for spouses seeking employment at NATO Headquarters to obtain their security clearance before arriving at the post. The security officer at the Canadian delegation to NATO will assist the spouse in obtaining this security clearance.

Applications for positions within the Commission of the European Community are only considered if they originate from a national, or a person holding the citizenship of one of the ten member states of the Community. Employment with other organizations in Belgium depends on the status of the employer, the terms of the bilateral or multilateral agreement reached with the host country, and the measures of control exercised by the Belgian authorities over the organizations staff. As a rule, the prospective employer must prove that the position being offered to a Canadian cannot be filled by a Belgian or by a national of one of the Community members. The same rule applies to employment with private concerns. There are consultant offices related to the work of the EEC that act as lobbies on various issues and Canadian expertise is at times required by such offices on specific matters. There are a few Canadian companies based in Brussels but the employment situation is tight and job opportunities remain scarce.

### **BRITAIN (London)**

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: Yes  
Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 17  
Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes  
Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No

No restrictions (work permits, quota limitations, etc.) are placed by the United Kingdom Government on the employment of members of the family forming part of the household of any category of overseas-based members of diplomatic missions. Such persons are afforded the same facilities as a person resident in the U.K.

Dependants employed outside the mission continue to enjoy the privileges and immunities of their spouse/father/mother except in respect to any action relating to or coming from their employment. From the Mission's point of view, spouses and dependants must respect the good reputation and security of the Mission in their choice of work.

Dependants and spouses may experience difficulty in finding employment in the United Kingdom because of the high level of unemployment.