

Parliament. The section also deals with problems of an economic nature. The Claims Section protects the properties and interests abroad of Canadian citizens. Among the other subjects dealt with by the Legal Division are the providing of legal advice on administrative and consular matters, in respect of matters relating to diplomatic and consular immunities, and legal problems arising in connection with Canadian membership in the United Nations. The Law of the Sea is also a subject dealt with by the division. A Co-ordination Section has been established to deal with all matters of interest to provinces in the external field and to serve as a departmental channel for enquiries from provinces in this sector.

The direct relation between foreign policy and defence policy necessitates close liaison between the Department of External Affairs and other departments, particularly the Department of National Defence. The two Defence Liaison Divisions are responsible for these aspects of the Department's work. They are concerned with Canada's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Canadian participation with the United States in the defence of North America. They are also responsible for co-operation with the appropriate government departments and agencies concerning the Canadian military contribution to United Nations peace-keeping operations such as the UN Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), the UN India-Pakistan Observation Mission (UNIPOM), and the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO). These divisions are charged with responsibility for Canadian technical military assistance to newly-independent members of the Commonwealth, which has been increasing in importance in recent years, with responsibility for emergency planning, and with responsibility for co-operation with the Department of National Defence in arranging naval visits, tours of the National Defence College and clearance for military aircraft.

The co-ordination of Canadian foreign and defence policies in connection with Canada's membership in NATO and participation in North American defence is dealt with by various committees on which the Department is represented. The Secretary of State for External Affairs is the vice-chairman of the Cabinet Committee on External Affairs and Defence, the meetings of which are usually attended by the Under-Secretary as well. From time to time, the Under-Secretary may attend, and is regularly represented at, the meetings of the Defence Council in the Department of National Defence. He is also a member of several senior interdepartmental bodies that examine and advise on various aspects of defence questions. The Department provides the chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee and a member and the secretary of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence. The Defence Liaison Divisions are responsible for co-ordinating departmental views and for preparing papers for the departmental representatives on these interdepartmental bodies.

It is the duty of Defence Liaison officers to co-ordinate the preparation of instructions for the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the North Atlantic Council and briefs for periodic ministerial meetings concerned with defence questions and for the meetings of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, held three times a year.