

quarters link with the Permanent Missions in Geneva and New York, as well as with other Canadian missions in respect of the UN tasks they discharge.

As its names suggests, the *United Nations Political and Institutional Affairs Division* has the task of assessing, on a continuing basis, the political implications of developments in the Security Council, the General Assembly or other UN organs, and examining the institutional development of the United Nations system and administrative and procedural questions.

The *United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Division* has responsibility for the co-ordination of Canadian policy and activity regarding the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs, the special bodies of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies. Matters of human rights and the status of women, and UN issues of social and economic development, fall within the purview of this division.

The *Bureau of Public Affairs* has been established to bring together management activities of the Department that are essentially devoted to relations with the public or sections of the public at home and abroad. The purpose of this grouping is to seek to ensure correlation of the several activities involved. The component units are: the Academic Relations Service, the Cultural Affairs Division, the Information Division, the World Exhibitions Program and the Historical Division.

The *Academic Relations Service* is a division set up to foster understanding and co-operation between the Department and academics, universities and internationalist groups in Canada interested in the study and discussion of international relations and in the long-term formulation of Canadian foreign policy. To that end, the Service sets up and carries out programs for the establishment and development of contacts with individuals and organizations to arrange consultations, discussions, meetings and various other forms of exchange.

In co-operation with other concerned divisions, the Academic Relations Service invites academics and organizations to undertake research on a contract basis on international relations and foreign-policy subjects. It arranges the secondment to universities, on a yearly basis, of senior departmental officers ("foreign service visitors") to engage in teaching, discussion, research and other academic activities relating to international affairs.

Generally speaking, the Service's aim is to ensure a continuing dialogue and a close relation and, most important of all, mutual