

4. The Science Council recommends that the Department of External Affairs extend the science counsellor system to provide additional representation in the United States, Northern and Southern Europe, and East Asia, and that consideration be given to coverage of Australia and New Zealand.
5. The Science Council recommends that science counsellors become more deeply involved in the acquisition of both emerging and existing technologies from foreign sources by:
 - a) where appropriate, coordinating their activities with those of the trade commissioners; and
 - b) including on their staff and working closely with science and technology officers assigned by science-based departments and agencies to specific posts abroad to handle topics unique to their requirements.
6. The Science Council recommends that External Affairs continue to be the home base of the science counsellor system. However, in order to become an effective central unit, the External Affairs group should assume a number of functions in addition to those it now performs, including greater responsibility for expediting the flow -- in both directions -- of the S & T information that the counsellor must handle.
7. The Science Council recommends the development of a multiyear strategic plan designed to enhance the effectiveness of the science counsellor system.