

The direct relations between foreign and defence policies requires close liaison between the Department of External Affairs and other departments concerned, particularly the Department of National Defence. The *Bureau of Defence and Arms Control Affairs*, consisting of the Defence Relations Division and the Arms Control and Disarmament Division, is responsible for these aspects of the Department's work.

The co-ordination of Canadian foreign and defence policies in connection with Canada's participation in North American defence, Canadian membership in NATO and other military activities abroad, including peace-keeping, is carried out through a variety of interdepartmental channels and groups in which the Department is represented. The Secretary of State for External Affairs is the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on External Policy and Defence, the meetings of which are attended by the Under-Secretary and officials from the Department as required. The Department is also represented at meetings of the Defence Council in the Department of National Defence, and on various senior interdepartmental bodies that advise on aspects of defence policy. The Director-General of the Bureau is a member of the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence, and the Bureau provides the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the PJBD. It also represents the Department on the Canada-U.S. Civil Emergency Planning Committee.

The Bureau is responsible for the direction of Canadian participation in the negotiations on Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction in Central Europe, which commenced in October 1973 in Vienna. It is supported in this task by an interdepartmental committee made up of representatives of the Departments of External Affairs and National Defence.

The *Defence Relations Division* has the task of co-ordinating departmental views and preparing guidance for the departmental representatives on defence-related interdepartmental bodies, as well as providing advice on the defence aspects of Canada's bilateral relations with various countries. In particular, it co-ordinates instructions for the Canadian delegation to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels, and preparations for the twice-yearly meetings of the Council in ministerial session. It provides guidance to the Department on a wide range of NATO-related matters, and co-ordinates Government action in the NATO context on such subjects as armaments and communications-systems development, civil-emergency planning, non-military and scientific co-operation, and information activities. The division provides liaison primarily with the Department of National Defence on aspects of the financing