

Australia, Chile, Bolivia and Thailand. In October 1979 a meeting was held at Strasbourg of the select committee of experts, established by the Council of Europe, to consider the possibility of drawing up a model agreement for a simple procedure for the transfer of prisoners which could be used between member states and by member states in their relations with non-member states. A Canadian delegation attended the meeting as observers.

The Department continues to assist in international adoption matters where Canadian citizens seek to adopt a child abroad. The Private International Law Section works with the National Adoption Desk, Health and Welfare Canada, which provides liaison and co-ordination between the provincial child welfare authorities. Through its missions abroad, the Department is able to obtain expeditiously information on adoption procedures in foreign countries for distribution to Canadian agencies through the National Adoption Desk.