

The Diplomatic Corps Services Section promoted the interests of Canadian representatives abroad by applying a policy of reciprocity to foreign representatives in Canada with respect to diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities.

New computer-generated identity cards and acceptances for members of the diplomatic and consular corps have been developed in cooperation with the

Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Canadian Banknote Company Ltd. The state-of-the-art machinery which reads these documents will permit quick identification of foreign representatives at border points and will improve national security. Canada is one of the first countries in the world to develop such a sophisticated identification system for diplomatic and consular representatives.

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## **J. FEDERAL- PROVINCIAL COORDINATION**

External Affairs and International Trade Canada has a major role in coordinating the policies and activities of the federal and provincial governments in the international sphere. During the year, provincial governments continued to devote resources to promoting their interests abroad, in accordance with economic objectives. The provinces received considerable support from the Department, in various forms.

The Department continued to guide the provinces on the international scene, where they are becoming increasingly active. The provinces have 64 offices abroad as well as four representations in facilities shared in Canadian missions: Seoul (Ontario and British Columbia), Boston (New Brunswick) and Minneapolis

(Saskatchewan). Such cooperation enhances the effectiveness of federal-provincial relations and will no doubt increase in future.

The Department has also reviewed the mandate of the Education Counsellor position made available by the Quebec government to the Canadian Embassy in the Ivory Coast since 1970. This mandate has been enriched and expanded while it remains fully integrated with the programs of the mission under the Ambassador's jurisdiction.

Under a 1978 agreement between Canada and Quebec concerning immigration cooperation, the parties have agreed to share the financial burden where Canadian mission premises are occupied by Quebec immigration officials.