

its general section, the Division comprises a Treaty Section, which assists in the preparation and interpretation of international agreements and is responsible for the maintenance of treaty records, the registration of treaties with the United Nations, their publication in the Canada Treaty Series and their tabling in Parliament.

The direct relation between foreign policy and defence policy necessitates close liaison between the Department of External Affairs and other departments of government, particularly the Department of National Defence. The Defence Liaison Divisions are responsible for these aspects of the Department's work. They are primarily concerned with the work of the Department arising from Canada's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and from the Canadian participation with the United States in the defence of the Canada-United States region of NATO. They are also responsible for co-operation with the appropriate government departments and agencies concerning the Canadian military contribution to United Nations, peace-keeping operations like UNEF and ONUC, Canadian technical military assistance to Commonwealth and newly-independent countries, emergency planning, and for co-operation with the Department of National Defence in arranging naval visits, tours of the National Defence College and diplomatic clearances for military aircraft.

The co-ordination of Canadian foreign and defence policies in connection with Canadian membership in NATO and participation in North American defence is dealt with by various committees on which the Department is represented. The Secretary of State for External Affairs is a member of the Cabinet Defence Committee, the meetings of which the Under-Secretary also normally attends. From time to time the Under-Secretary attends the meetings of the Chiefs of Staff Committee; he is also a member of senior interdepartmental bodies that examine and advise on various aspects of defence questions. The Department provides the Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, and is represented on the Joint Intelligence Staff, the Joint Planning Committee and the Joint Planning Staff. The Defence Liaison Divisions are responsible for co-ordinating departmental views and for preparing papers for the departmental representative on these interdepartmental bodies.

It is the duty of Defence Liaison officers to co-ordinate the preparation of instructions for the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the North Atlantic Council and briefs for the ministerial meetings of the NATO Council, which take place twice a year, for the meetings of the Canada-United States Committee on Joint Defence, which also meets at the ministerial level alternately in Canada and the United States, and for the meetings of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, which meets three or four times a year.

The Disarmament Division assists the Adviser to the Canadian Government on Disarmament in dealing with various aspects of the question of disarmament, negotiations concerning the discontinuance of nuclear-weapons tests, and related problems. It is responsible, through the Disarmament Adviser, and in consultation with other divisions of the Department and other departments of government, for initiating recommendations with respect to Canadian policy on these subjects, Canadian participation in international negotiations, and discussions on disarmament at the United Nations.

The Consular Division is responsible for the conduct of all consular matters. Its duties include safeguarding the rights and interests of Canadian citizens and companies abroad; making arrangements for the protection and evacuation of Canadians resident abroad in times of emergency or war; representing Canadian citizens in matters of estates abroad; assisting in finding missing persons; helping Canadian citizens abroad who are temporarily destitute, including the granting of financial aid on a recoverable basis; assisting Canadian seamen in distress;