

Section advises on the federal-provincial aspects of Canada's international relations, on questions of the recognition of states and governments, on extradition, on questions of asylum, on diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities, on legal aspects of consular and administration matters, and on other international legal matters that do not fall within the designated responsibilities of other sections of the bureau.

The *Legal Operations Division* serves as the operational arm of the Department for a number of international legal activities, many of which are closely connected with the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies. It has particular responsibility for Canada's position on subjects under discussion in the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, as well as subjects, such as the law of outer space, that are dealt with in other committees of the Assembly. The Legal Operations Division is organized in four sections. The Law-of-the-Sea Section deals with maritime legal questions, including territorial waters, fishing zones and the continental shelf, Arctic sovereignty and the peaceful use of the seabed and its resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. A current major responsibility is the UN Law-of-the-Sea Conference. The Environmental and Fisheries Law Section co-ordinates the Canadian approach to international legal activ-

ities in the field of human environment and deals with pollution questions having a relation to the law of the sea and the protection of Canadian fisheries. The United Nations and Legal Planning Section is responsible for most UN legal and humanitarian-law questions and assists in the planning of Canadian policy on quasi-legal matters, as well as co-ordinating departmental relations with the international-law academic community in Canada. The Private International Law Section assists the legal profession and the public in matters of private international law, particularly international civil practice and procedure pertaining to the serving and authentication of documents in legal proceedings abroad.

The *Bureau of Consular Services* co-ordinates consular activities through 108 Canadian posts abroad to provide assistance to Canadians living or travelling outside Canada. Under the guidance of the Director General, the bureau, comprising the Consular Operations Division and the Consular Policy Division, has the responsibility of providing day-to-day consular assistance, services and advice to Canadians overseas and of devising longer-range plans for the consular protection and security of Canadian interests abroad.

The *Consular Policy Division* is responsible for: the drafting of consular agreements with other countries; the development and