

journalists and other visitors obtain information about Canada. It is responsible for liaison with the information services of the United Nations in New York, of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris and of the Colombo Plan in Colombo. Through the Inter-departmental Committee on Information Abroad, it maintains contact with other government departments concerned with the distribution of Canadian information abroad. Within Canada, the Information Division makes available current and background information on government policy regarding international affairs and on the activities of the Department as a whole. It also deals with requests from other government departments, educational institutions, business and private organizations and the Canadian public at large for information on Canada's external relations.

The Cultural Affairs Division is responsible for the conduct of cultural relations between Canada and other countries so far as these contacts proceed through inter-governmental channels. It also maintains liaison with other interested agencies, both official and private, with a view to making Canada better known abroad through cultural and educational activities. It has specific responsibility for the Government's membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and provides departmental liaison with the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO. It provides liaison with competent national organizations on educational matters deriving from Canada's relations with other countries and its membership in such other international organizations as the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee. The division's duties include primary responsibility for negotiating cultural agreements with other countries and developing cultural programmes with them (including such activities as scholarship programmes, exchanges of professors, tours by performing arts groups and art exhibitions). On occasion, it arranges for Canadian participation in cultural events outside Canada, such as festivals of the arts and handicrafts, international exhibitions and competitions, and to this end maintains close co-operation with Canadian agencies in the arts sphere. In this connection it performs a liaison function in keeping Canadian cultural organizations informed of cultural activity outside Canada and provides general assistance to Canadian artists going abroad. It handles the book-presentation programme that provides for donations of Canadian books to foreign libraries.

The Economic Division deals with all primarily economic questions which have international implications for Canada. They include financial, fiscal and trade questions, as well as a number of others which fall generally into the field of economic relations. It is, therefore, responsible for the work of the Department concerned with treaties, agreements and general day-to-day relations concerning commercial, fiscal and financial matters as well as problems of transport (shipping and aviation), telecommunications, energy matters (including nuclear energy, oil and natural gas), export of strategic materials, foreign loans, Canadian participation in multilateral programmes of assistance and exchange and balance-of-payment problems. Co-ordination of policy is secured by co-operation with the Departments of Finance, Trade and Commerce, National Revenue, Transport, Agriculture, Mines and Technical Surveys, Labour, Fisheries, National Health and Welfare, the Privy Council, the National Research Council, the National Energy Board, the Atomic Energy Control Board, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited and the Bank of Canada.