

The Legal Division is responsible for providing departmental personnel with advice on all aspects of international law, particularly as it covers treaties and agreements and Canadian properties and interests abroad, and for ensuring that the Government's activities in the international field are conducted in accordance with approved legal principles and practices.

The two Defence Liaison Divisions^{2 Divisions} are concerned with Canada's international commitments and activities in the areas of defence and national security including its participation in NATO, NORAD, and various peace-keeping missions.

The Disarmament Division is concerned with the development of government policy in relation to the control by international agreement of military forces, weapons and expenditures.

The Consular Division is concerned with the conduct of consular activities such as safeguarding the rights and interests of Canadian citizens and companies abroad, and processing visa applications in countries in which Canadian immigration authorities are not represented.

The Passport Division is responsible for the issuing of passports to Canadian citizens and certificates of identity to non-Canadians legally landed and currently residing in Canada, who apply for them and who are eligible to receive them.

The Historical Division is responsible for carrying out historical research in the field of foreign affairs, for the selection and compilation of material in this field for publication, and for providing library, archival and press clipping services to the Department.