

PART B

CANADA AND ITS REGIONAL INTERESTS

In addition to permanent delegations accredited to international organizations, Canada has 117 embassies and consular offices throughout all regions of the world. Members of the Department of External Affairs and of other branches of the Government working in these offices perform a great variety of tasks in support of Canadian interests and offer a number of services to Canadians: formal contact and negotiation with governments, assessment of current developments, promotion of trade, granting of visas, advice and protection to Canadians abroad, promotion of a favourable image by information and cultural programs. These are the constant elements in the conduct of foreign relations; the particular events or conditions abroad relevant to Canadian interests in 1979 are described in the following chapters.