

Agencies, in consultation with other bureaux and other Government departments and agencies. The Bureau is also responsible for co-ordinating participation by the Canadian Government in international conferences.

As its names suggests, the *United Nations Political and Institutional Affairs Division* has the task of assessing, on a continuing basis, the political implications of developments in the Security Council, the General Assembly or other UN organs, and examining the institutional development of the United Nations system and administrative and procedural questions.

The *United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Division* is responsible for co-ordinating Canada's activity within the UN Specialized Agencies, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs. It is concerned particularly with human rights matters and United Nations issues related to social and economic development.

The *Bureau of Public Affairs* has been established to bring together management activities of the Department that are essentially devoted to relations with the public or sections of the public at home and abroad. The purpose of this grouping is to seek to ensure correlation of the several activities involved. The component units are: the Academic Relations Service, the Cultural Affairs Division, the Information Division and the Historical Division.

The *Academic Relations Service* is a unit entrusted with promoting understanding and co-operation between the Department on the one hand and, on the other, academics, universities and internationalist groups interested in the study and discussion of international relations and in long-term formulation of Canadian foreign policy. To that end, the Service sets up and carries out programs for the establishment and development of contacts with individuals and organizations involved to foster consultation, discussions, meetings and various other forms of exchange. Through these programs, it provides a focus within the Department for academic relations and assembles information on academic activities of interest to the Department. It organizes or assists in the organization of consultations, seminars and conferences on foreign affairs, whether in the Department or at universities and other study centres, and ensures joint participation by academics, members of learned societies and officials from Government departments. In co-operation with interested divisions, the Academic Relations Service also invites individual academics to undertake research on a contract basis on foreign-policy issues. It arranges the secondment to universities, on a yearly basis, of senior departmental officers in the capacity of Foreign Service Visitors. Such officers engage in reading, teaching, discussion, research and other academic activities relating to international affairs. The Service also promotes and co-ordinates the assignment of officers for visits and talks at universities and colleges and to internationalist groups. It carries out, through its staff and officers from various divisions, liaison tours to centres of learning to exchange information and to plan co-operation for the purpose of furthering the progress of studies, research and the dissemination of knowledge in the field of international affairs and foreign policy. In the light of