

protection of personnel, classified information and Departmental property at home and abroad;

- (g) the security training of personnel;
- (h) the processing of security clearances and the monitoring of both the obtention of enhanced reliability certifications (ERCs) by locally engaged staff (LES) employees abroad and the granting of authorization to certain LES employees to be given access to designated information;
- (i) liaison with the Canadian security authorities, on matters requiring interpretation or change in government security policies, and with the security authorities of NATO and other international organizations, as appropriate;
- (j) investigating known or suspected breaches of security, and, in some cases, suspected criminal offences, prior to the involvement of the appropriate police agency;
- (k) advising on the security aspects or implications of Departmental activities, policies and procedures;
- (l) managing a wide range of security issues with international dimensions, in consultation with CSIS, the RCMP and other government departments;
- (m) co-ordinating Canada's counter-terrorism policies in the international domain and preparing threat assessments on the security situations abroad;
- (n) advising on the security requirements for conferences and delegations at home and abroad and providing assistance and direction where appropriate;
- (o) liaison with Provincial authorities; and
- (p) liaison with the RCMP concerning Security Evaluation and Inspection Team (SEIT) inspections of Departmental EDP and COMSEC activities.