

The Legal Affairs Bureau also attempts to ensure that Canada's diplomatic and consular representatives abroad receive the privileges and immunities in the countries where they reside.

As privileges and immunities to which they are entitled are dealt with on the basis of reciprocity, the Legal Affairs Bureau ensures that the treatment of foreign diplomats in Canada

corresponds to the treatment Canadian diplomats receive in foreign countries.

International organizations have a special status in international law, and the Legal Bureau is responsible for negotiating headquarters agreements for those based in Canada. In 1989, new negotiations for the International Civil Aviation Organization Agreement were initiated.

H. TREATY LAW

The Treaty Section of the Legal Affairs Bureau responds to inquiries from the public on Canadian treaties. The Section maintains an up-to-date list of treaties in force for Canada and publish the *Canadian Treaties Series*.

A major event of the past year was the signing of 16 agreements in Moscow

and the signing of a political declaration by Prime Minister Mulroney and President Gorbachev. Ten agreements were also signed in Mexico. The signing ceremonies are conducted by the Treaty Section of the Legal Affairs Bureau.

I. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Following ten years of work, the Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989. Canada played an active role in the elaboration of this instrument,

which sets out a number of important rights and protections for children. Consultations with the provinces and territories are being conducted to obtain their support for Canadian ratification of the Convention.