

the military occupation of Kampuchea and the serious food shortages in that country in 1979, and for those facing famine within Kampuchea itself, a \$300-million international relief operation was launched by the International Committee of the Red Cross and UNICEF. Canada contributed \$15 million.

Apart from the overseas selection of refugees for resettlement in Canada, the present Canadian refugee policy also provides for the protection of refugees within Canada in accordance with the Refugee Convention and Protocol. In 1979, the Refugee Status Advisory Committee granted refugee status to 109 claimants.

Treaty law

During 1979, Canada signed 39 bilateral agreements. In the course of the year, 23 agreements entered into force for

Canada upon signature and 4 by ratification. In 1979, Canada also signed or accepted 17 multilateral agreements, and became a party to eight through ratification, accession or approval. Preparation of a list of "Treaties in Force" for Canada up to 1979 began during the year.

In addition to its responsibility for the drafting and interpretation of treaties and for the preparation of all formal instruments leading to their establishment, the Department's Treaty Section maintains up-to-date records on the status of all treaties affecting Canada. Interested persons may consult the Canada Treaty Register which contains particulars of the date and place of signature of a treaty and the dates of tabling in, or approval by, Parliament, together with ratifications and accessions, if applicable, and information on entry into force, reservations, related agreements, subsequent amendments and termination.