

Aid

With respect to Canada's program of assistance to developing countries, the Co-ordination Division is guided by the proposals set forth in *Federalism and International Relations*, which seek to encourage wider federal-provincial consultation and more effective arrangements in the co-ordination of Canada's total aid contribution. Several provinces have initiated specific aid projects of their own, and the Division seeks to ensure that these are co-ordinated with the activities of the Canadian International Development Agency, and with the development assistance programs for which the Agency is responsible. Conversely, many of the Agency's projects require provincial co-operation for their implementation and, while this is usually a matter for direct arrangements between the Agency and the provincial authorities concerned, the Division is often able to assist.

International Agreements

With respect to the conclusion of treaties, conventions and other formal agreements between Canada and other countries, it is the Co-ordination Division's responsibility to consult with the provinces concerned to obtain their concurrence in the ratification of all such agreements touching upon areas of provincial or joint federal-provincial jurisdiction. For example, provincial agreement is necessary for Canadian adherence to multilateral conventions, such as the Covenants on Human Rights, whose implementation requires action by provincial governments. Other international instruments establishing programs of activities may also require provincial agreement before they can be implemented in Canada; at other times, the Federal Government may conclude international agreements to meet express provincial wishes. Consultation with the provinces is often undertaken before, or in the negotiating stage of, treaties affecting them. Such consultation provides the most effective means of harmonizing federal and provincial interests.