

The division is also responsible for co-ordinating the work of the Department with the External Aid Office, a separate agency established in November 1960 to administer Canada's economic and technical assistance programmes abroad. Relations with a number of international agencies in the economic field are also the responsibility of the Economic Division.

The Protocol Division deals with all matters of diplomatic protocol, precedence, privilege and immunity, and works closely with diplomatic missions established in Canada. It makes arrangements for the presentation of credentials by new heads of diplomatic missions and for their introduction to appropriate Canadian officials. It arranges recognition of consular representatives of other countries. It also prepares credentials for Canadian heads of mission and consular officers and for Canadian delegations to international conferences.

The division keeps diplomatic missions of other countries informed of relevant Canadian laws and regulations and helps them resolve problems arising from the application of such laws and regulations.

It arranges visits to Canada by distinguished foreigners and for the extension to them of governmental hospitality.

The Legal Division works under the direction of the Departmental Legal Adviser, who is at present the Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Its principal function is to ensure that international affairs, so far as Canada is concerned, are conducted in accordance with approved legal principles and practices. Accordingly, it furnishes the Department with advice on public and private international law, constitutional law and comparative law. In addition, the division follows closely the work of the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and of the International Law Commission. Continuing liaison is maintained with the Department of Justice, the Office of the Judge Advocate General and other law establishments of the Government on many questions.

The Legal Division comprises several sections. The Legal Planning Section co-ordinates and helps plan Canadian policy on legal and quasi-legal questions, and handles problems referred to the division by political divisions. The Interdepartmental Legal Planning Committee deals with the need for legally qualified personnel to take part in international conferences and negotiations, and helps ensure that all government departments concerned with such meetings are consulted on relevant matters. The Treaty and Economic Section assists in preparing and interpreting international agreements and is responsible for keeping treaty records, registering treaties under the United Nations, publishing them in the Canada Treaty Series and tabling them in Parliament. The section also deals with problems of an economic nature. The Claims Section protects the properties and interests abroad of Canadian citizens.

The direct relation between foreign policy and defence policy necessitates close liaison between the Department of External Affairs and other departments, particularly the Department of National Defence. The two Defence Liaison Divisions are responsible for these aspects of the Department's work. They are concerned primarily with work arising from Canada's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and from Canadian participation with the