missions and the Middle East mission all predicted increasing numbers of tourists. The US missions indicated no change in the period 1985-89, but predicted growth in the future. The South American missions and the Caribbean mission indicated poor economic conditions and changing passports laws as deterrents to tourists in that geographic area. One mission noted however an increase of 68% in clientele, but suggested composition had experienced no major changes. The European missions all predicted a growing number of tourists as clientele. Growth is predicted in the travellers category as well as major events in Europe (Seville, 1992) draws more visitors into Europe. One mission also noted an increased interest in visiting the Balkans.

4.3 Changes in International Conditions

The ever changing world environment will always impact upon the provision of consular services in both positive and negative ways. For example, as Eastern Block countries open up more and more to the west, the resulting increases in the numbers of Canadians travelling to those countries will bring an increase in the demand for consular services, creating new demands in areas where delivery mechanisms are not currently operating.