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activities are of interest to many governmental departments and agencies in Canada, both federal and provincial, to institutions of learning, and to a great number of private organizations. The Department works closely with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, and the Director of the Cultural Affairs Division of External Affairs is a member of its Executive Committee. Canada's Permanent Delegate in Paris serves as intermediary between these Canadian authorities and the UNESCO Secretariat to ensure that the organization benefits fully from Canadian knowledge and experience and that interested Canadian organizations are kept informed of matters of interest to them.

Canada in 1974 continued its active participation in a wide range of UNESCO-backed programs: the UN Information Systems in Science and Technology (UNISIST); the International Oceanographic Commission; the Man and Biosphere Program; and the International Hydrological Program. At the General Conference it was elected to the Councils of the Man and Biosphere and the International Hydrological Programs.

During the year and particularly during the General Conference Canada made clear its view that the orientation of UNESCO programs and the organization's administrative structures should be directed to the solution of major problems rather than to the concerns of selected disciplines and professions. It was feared that otherwise a lack of coherence might dissipate the contribution UNESCO could make to their solution. In the preparation and consideration of resolutions Canadian delegates made special efforts to harmonize opposing views and eliminate partisan political considerations from the deliberations.

Indicating continued Canadian interest in UNESCO activities in the field of education, a Canadian delegation participated in an intergovernmental

meeting of experts to review the International Standard Classification of Education. Canada was also a participant in an intergovernmental conference on planning of national documentation, library and archives infrastructures.