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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the formation of a Division on Scientific Relations and Environmental Problems in the Department of External Affairs. While the Department has always been concerned with a variety of activities involving Canadian scientific interests, the creation of the new Division reflects the rapidly growing importance of the role of science and technology in the conduct of international affairs, as well as the recognition that most matters affecting the human environment extend beyond national boundaries. In fulfilling its tasks the new Division, to be headed by Mr. W.K. Wardroper, is to establish close cooperation with the Science Secretariat of the Privy Council Office and the other Government departments and agencies dealing with scientific matters and with the improvement of the environment, including the prevention of pollution.

Mr. Wardroper was born in Duncan, B.C. in 1922, and completed his education at the University of British Columbia following war service in Western Europe. Since joining the Department of External Affairs in 1947 he has served in Los Angeles, Ghana and Finland. In his most recent appointment he spent two and a half years as Canadian Director of the Asian Development Bank in Manila, Philippines.

During an earlier assignment in Ottawa Mr. Wardroper was closely involved with atomic energy and other scientific and technical matters.

Mr. Wardroper is married to the former Nancy Wilson, and has two sons.