

THE PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

This paper describes the existing distribution of documents of selected International Organizations to Provincial Governments. It attempts to analyze the present distribution system, and to decide whether it is adequate or in need of improvement.

In January 1974, this Division prepared a paper entitled, Systeme de distribution de documents aux provinces which exhaustively examined the proposal that documents of international organizations should be disseminated to the provinces by this Department. The paper recommended that a system be established which at first, should distribute documents from only UNESCO, OECD, EEC, and international conferences which involve provincial participation. In examining the present distribution of documents from these organizations however, it became apparent that the machinery established between provinces and certain federal departments which dealt with other international bodies perhaps had some relevance to any system of distribution we might institute.

Accordingly, this paper examines the systems used by several federal departments to supply to the provinces documents from international organizations in addition to those mentioned in the 1974 paper. The organizations fall into two categories: those dealing with subjects which enter provincial jurisdiction in the domestic sphere; and those which treat subjects in which provincial governments have expressed particular interest but over which they have no jurisdiction. In the first group