

MONTHLY BULLETIN - STATEMENT OF EDITORIAL POLICY

Purpose

The Monthly Bulletin External Affairs is an official publication of the Department of External Affairs with the primary purpose of providing the public of Canada, and abroad, with information on Canada's external relations and on the work of the Department.

Functions and Objectives

As an official publication of the Department, the Monthly Bulletin is intended to reflect Canadian Government policies on external affairs. The Bulletin cannot provide a forum for the expression of divergent points of view. The emphasis should be on factual statements and explanations of Government policies and on special background information from Departmental sources which otherwise would not be available to the general public. To this end the Bulletin will include:

- (a) a current and factual record of the policies and actions of the Canadian Government in external affairs;
- (b) accounts of the proceedings of international conferences and international organizations;
- (c) special articles on matters of interest to Canada in the field of international affairs;
- (d) special articles on the structure and procedures of the Department;
- (e) reference material.

In the interest of variety and readability, however, articles of a more general interest and less directly related to Canadian policy can be used. Examples of such subjects of past issues are: Conference on the Antarctic, a tour of Indian villages, the new map of India, Canadian films honoured abroad, schemes for union in Western and Equatorial Africa, the Sino-Indian border dispute.

Sources

Articles will be prepared in the Department, at posts abroad or in other Government departments but will not be sought outside the government service. Important government statements and speeches pertaining to external affairs should be included.

Editorial Committee

Policy supervision of the Bulletin is exercised by the Head of the Information Division and by the Editorial Committee consisting of an Assistant Under-Secretary, the Heads of the Information Division, the Historical Division, U.S.A. Division, Commonwealth Division, D.L. (1) Division, Economic Division, European Division, Far Eastern Division, Legal Division, African and Middle Eastern Division, Consular Division, Latin-American Division, Disarmament Division, and United Nations Division. Representation by other Divisions is not excluded,