

The division provided assistance to provincial officials for their visits abroad. Arrangements were facilitated for the following missions, among many others: Premier Moores of Newfoundland to Europe; Premier Schreyer of Manitoba to Brussels; Premier Lougheed of Alberta to the United States, and the British Columbia Economic Commission to Japan. The assistance and co-operation of the Department laid the basis for a dialogue among the parties involved in the various negotiations.

The division also helped to arrange the visits to various provinces by François-Xavier Ortoli, former President of the Commission of the European Communities, Prime Minister Léo Tindemans of Belgium, Prime Minister James Callaghan of Britain, Prime Minister Ali Bhutto of Pakistan and Prime Minister Manley of Jamaica.

As a result of the interest expressed by various provinces in the "contractual link" of the Canada-EC framework agreement, the Department is giving consideration to the mechanisms for co-operation between the federal and provincial governments and the private sector.