

it produces and distributes a variety of publications such as Statements and Speeches, Reference Papers, Reprints, the departmental monthly bulletin External Affairs, the Canadian Weekly Bulletin, and occasional booklets and folders to meet specific needs. Outside Canada, the task of the division is to co-ordinate Canadian information activities and, in most countries, to conduct those operations that include dissemination of general and specific information about Canada's external policy. The division helps journalists and other visitors obtain information about Canada. It is responsible for liaison with the information services of the United Nations in New York, of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris and of the Colombo Plan in Colombo. Through the Interdepartmental Committee on Information Abroad, it maintains contact with other government departments concerned with the distribution of Canadian information abroad. Within Canada, the Information Division makes available current and background information on government policy regarding international affairs and on the activities of the Department as a whole. It also deals with requests from other government departments, educational institutions, business and private organizations and the Canadian public at large for information on Canada's external relations.

The Cultural Affairs Division is responsible for the conduct of cultural relations between Canada and other countries so far as these contacts proceed through intergovernmental channels. It also maintains liaison with other interested agencies, both official and private, with a view to making Canada better known abroad through cultural and educational activities. It has specific responsibility for the governmental aspects of Canada's membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and provides departmental liaison with the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO. It is also charged, as occasions arise, with responsibilities arising out of Canada's commitments under international agreements affecting the free flow between nations of cultural and intellectual property. It provides liaison with competent national organizations on educational matters deriving from Canada's relations with other countries and its membership in such other international organizations as the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee. The division's duties include primary responsibility for negotiating cultural agreements with other countries and developing cultural programmes with them (including such activities as scholarship programmes, exchanges of professors, tours by performing arts groups and art exhibitions). On occasion, it arranges for Canadian participation in cultural events outside Canada, such as festivals of the arts and handicrafts, international exhibitions and competitions, and to this end maintains close co-operation with Canadian agencies in the sphere of the arts. It performs a liaison function in keeping Canadian cultural organizations informed of cultural activity outside the country and provides general assistance to Canadian artists going abroad. It handles the book-presentation programme that arranges donations of Canadian books to libraries abroad.

The Economic Division deals with all primarily economic questions which have international implications for Canada. They include financial, fiscal and trade questions, as well as a number of others which fall generally into the field of economic relations. It is, therefore, responsible for the