

outer space, that are dealt with in other committees of the Assembly. The division also concerns itself in a variety of ways with Canada's role with respect to the development of international law in all fields. The Legal Operations Division is organized into four sections: the Law of the Sea and Fisheries Section, which deals with maritime legal questions, including territorial waters, fishing-zones and the continental shelf, the protection of Canadian fisheries, questions of Arctic sovereignty, and the peaceful uses of the seabed and its resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction; the Environmental Law Section, which co-ordinates the Canadian approach to international legal activities in the field of human environment and deals with pollution questions having a relation to the law of the sea; the United Nations and Legal Planning Section, which is responsible for all United Nations legal and humanitarian-law questions and assists in the planning of Canadian policy on quasi-legal matters, as well as co-ordinating departmental relations with the international law academic community in Canada; the Private International Law Section, which assists the legal profession and the public with the administration of private international law, particularly international civil practice and procedure pertaining to the service and authentication of documents in legal proceedings abroad and the furthering of extradition proceedings to and from Canada.

The *Bureau of Consular Affairs* deals with all consular matters except the issuing and control of passports and other travel documents that are the business of the Passport Office. The Director-General is responsible to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs for managing the consular function of the Bureau and for exercising general supervision over the Consular Policy and Research Division and the Consular Operations Division. Within the framework of these two broad areas -- policy and operations --, the Bureau, besides dealing with the constant flow of enquiries from the Canadian public, has the major responsibility of giving daily guidance and instructions to Canadian posts, particularly with regard to assisting the rapidly-increasing number of Canadians travelling in all parts of the world.

The *Consular Policy and Research Division* is responsible for the drafting of consular agreements with other countries; for tendering advice on consular policies and procedures and assessing their implication in a variety of activities, including Canadian merchant shipping, immigration and citizenship matters; for completing and amending the *Manual of Consular Instructions*; for preparing and issuing circular documents of instructions to posts abroad; for conducting consular training programs; for developing consular policy research and undertaking special projects; for publication of the departmental publication *Information for Canadians Travelling Abroad*; and for maintaining liaison with other departments or organizations concerned with matters of consular policy.