

matters of interest to the provinces. It consults with the provinces on a regular basis concerning Canadian accession to international agreements touching on areas of internal provincial jurisdiction. And it continues to develop procedures that will make it possible to distribute to the provinces on a regular basis miscellaneous information and documentation relating to the international aspects of provincial interests.

The *Commonwealth Institutions Division* has general responsibility for co-ordinating the implementation of Government policies in relation to the Commonwealth and for the Government's involvement in the consultative and co-operative activities of the association. This involves facilitating Canadian participation in the Commonwealth heads of government meetings and both the regular and *ad hoc* Commonwealth meetings at the ministerial and official levels. With respect to Commonwealth functional co-operation, the division, in conjunction with other government departments and agencies, advises on Canada's participation in the numerous Commonwealth governmental co-operative programs. In carrying out these functions, the division serves as the focal point in Canada for communications with the Commonwealth Secretariat, the body charged with providing the central organization for joint consultation and co-operation in many fields. In addition to these duties, the division has an advisory and liaison role concerning Canadian involvement with the almost 300 governmental and non-governmental institutions, associations and organizations that operate on a Commonwealth basis. In discharging these responsibilities, the division works towards the maintenance and growth of the increasingly valuable co-operative and consultative arrangements that are characteristic of the Commonwealth's role today.

The *Francophone Institutions Division* co-ordinates Canada's multilateral relations with the 30 or so countries making up the French-speaking world community, as well as with *francophone* intergovernmental authorities and the many private French-speaking international associations.

At the governmental level, the division helps formulate and implement Canada's multilateral policy with regard to the *francophone* countries and the institutions and programs of the international French-speaking community. Thus it is called on to co-ordinate the formulation and implementation of Canadian policy at meetings