

been ratified. A number of other countries have expressed an interest in negotiating similar treaties and talks have been initiated for this purpose. In October 1980, a Canadian delegation attended a meeting in Strasbourg of Council of Europe experts for the purpose of drawing up a model agreement for a simple prisoner transfer agreement, for use by member and non-member states. It is expected that the model agreement will be ready for use by early 1983.

The Department continues to assist in international adoption matters where Canadian citizens seek to adopt a child abroad. The Private International Law Section works with the National Adoption Desk, Health and Welfare Canada, which provides liaison and co-ordination between the provincial child welfare authorities. Through its missions abroad, the Department is able to obtain expeditiously information on adoption procedures in foreign countries for distribution to Canadian agencies through the National Adoption Desk.