

of which are closely connected with the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies. It has particular responsibility for Canada's position on subjects under discussion in the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, as well as subjects, such as the law of outer space, that are dealt with in other committees of the Assembly. The Legal Operations Division is organized in four sections. The Law of the Sea Section deals with maritime legal questions, including territorial waters, fishing-zones and the continental shelf, questions of Arctic sovereignty, and the peaceful uses of the seabed and its resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. A major current responsibility is the UN Law of the Sea Conference. The Environmental and Fisheries Law Section 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 and the protection of Canadian fisheries. The United Nations and Legal Planning Section is responsible for most UN 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 assists the legal profession and the public in matters of private international law, particularly international civil practice and procedure pertaining to the serving and authentication of documents in legal proceedings abroad and the furthering of extradition proceedings to and from Canada.

The *Bureau of Consular Services* is concerned with all consular matters except the issuing and control of passports and other travel documents in Canada that are the business of the Passport Office. With the increasing number of Canadians travelling and residing outside Canada, the bureau has become involved with the ever-growing range of and complexity of consular situations abroad. Under the guidance of the Director General, the Bureau of Consular Services, comprising the Consular Operations Division and the Consular Policy Division, has the responsibility of providing day-to-day consular assistance, services and advice to Canadians overseas and of devising longer-range plans for the consular protection and security of Canadian interests abroad.

The *Consular Policy Division* is responsible: for the drafting of consular agreements with other countries; for tendering advice on consular policies and procedures and assessing their implications for