

## DEFENCE AND ARMS CONTROL

Foreign and defence policies are closely interrelated. Consequently, to pursue them in consonance with national objectives requires continuing close co-operation between the Department of External Affairs and other departments concerned, particularly the Department of National Defence. The *Bureau of Defence and Arms Control*, consisting of the *Defence Relations Division* and the *Arms Control and Disarmament Division*, is responsible for these aspects of the Department's work.

The co-ordination of Canadian foreign and defence policies in connection with Canada's participation in the defence arrangements of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and of North America, its participation in peacekeeping activities and its membership in the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament in Geneva is one of the primary functions of the Bureau working through a variety of interdepartmental channels. The Secretary of State for External Affairs is the Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on External Policy and Defence, the meetings of which are usually attended by the Under-Secretary or his representatives. Memoranda and background reports for these meetings are made available by the Bureau to the Under-Secretary and the Secretary of State for External Affairs on subjects falling within the Bureau's area of responsibility. The Department is regularly represented by the Director-General of the Bureau at meetings of the Defence Council in the Department of National Defence and on several interdepartmental bodies that advise on aspects of defence policy. The Bureau also provides the External Affairs member and the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence, as well as the departmental representative on the Canadian Section of the Canada-U.S.A. Civil Emergency Planning Committee.

## Defence Relations Division

North American Section

With the publication of the defence White Paper in August, the Government reaffirmed its intention to continue to co-operate with the United States in the defence of North America. At the same time, the Paper provided a policy framework for further decisions on questions relating to the protection of Canada, and the Canadian contribution to North American defence. The principal consultative mechanism for Canada-U.S. co-operation in defence matters is the Permanent Joint Board on Defence. In October 1971, the Prime Minister appointed Senator John Aird to replace the late Mr. A.D.P. Heeney as Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Board. The Bureau of Defence and Arms Control Affairs provides the External Affairs member and the Canadian Secretary of the PJBD, while the Department of National Defence provides the balance of the membership of the Canadian Section. The Board held three meetings in 1971 and continued its valuable work in promoting co-operation between Canada and the United States in matters of joint defence.