

contributions to United Nations operations. It is also responsible for advice on the theory and practice of peacekeeping that may be required for use at the United Nations and in other international forums. This section is responsible as well for Canada's relations with Cyprus.

The *Bureau of Legal Affairs*, under the general policy direction of the Director General of Legal Affairs, performs two distinct but closely-related functions. These are reflected in the two divisions — Legal Advisory and Legal Operations — that make up the bureau, each division functioning independently under its own director.

In its advisory role, the bureau provides advice to the Department of External Affairs and other government departments on matters of international law, to ensure that, in the conduct of Canada's international relations, full account is taken of existing and emerging principles of international law. The bureau replies to enquiries from the legal profession, the academic community and the general public on matters of international law.

In its operational role, the bureau has direct responsibility for Canada's contributions to the progressive development of international law, in the light of Canadian interests. It is particularly active, therefore, in those important areas of international relations where the legal regime is emer-

ging or evolving. The bureau's activities in these areas involve direct participation in policy formulation as well as legal advocacy.

The bureau is responsible for the Department's liaison with the Department of Justice. In addition, it works closely with the Bureau of Personnel to develop and maintain, within the career foreign service, a cadre of legally-qualified personnel to staff legal positions in the Department and at posts abroad.

The *Legal Advisory Division* consists of three sections. The Economic Section advises on the legal aspects of Canada's international economic relations, co-operating especially with the Bureau of Commercial and Commodity Relations and the Bureau of Development, Industry and Science Relations. It is also concerned with the protection of the interests of Canadian citizens and the Canadian Government arising out of injury or damage to Canadian property abroad. The Treaty Section advises on treaty-interpretation questions, assists in the preparation and interpretation of international agreements, ensures that treaties entered into by Canada are concluded in accordance with Canada's international and domestic legal obligations, maintains treaty records, registers treaties with the United Nations, publishes them in the *Canada Treaty Series* and arranges for their tabling in Parliament. The Advisory