

consular missions of Canada abroad, and to its missions to international organizations. The Department strove to ensure that foreign states fulfilled their international obligations toward Canada, and that the members of Canadian missions abroad were not less favourably treated than the members of foreign missions in Canada.

The Office of Protocol organized the logistic and administrative support for a number of official visitors to Canada including heads of state, heads of government, ministers of foreign affairs and other personalities invited by the Canadian government.

Visitors to Canada during the year included Prime Minister Takeshita of Japan, Prime Minister Mikulic of Yugoslavia, Their Majesties King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden, Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, Vice Premier Tian Jiyun of the People's Republic of China, Chancellor Kohl of the Federal Republic of Germany, Prime Minister Thatcher of Britain and Prime Minister Grosz of Hungary.

The Office of Protocol was responsible for arrangements for the state visits of the Governor General to Brazil and Uruguay. It was also responsible for arrangements connected with visits abroad by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. During the year under review Mr. Clark's overseas travel included visits to Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Paris (OECD), Bangkok (ASEAN), Tokyo, Washington and New York. Similarly, trips abroad made by the Minister for International Trade and the Minister for External Relations and International Development to Africa, Europe, the United States, Asia and Latin America received the support of the Office, as did visits to many destinations by other ministers or parliamentary secretaries representing ministers.

The Office also administered the Government Guest House in Ottawa and the hospitality centre at the Lester B. Pearson building. During the past year 8 415 guests were entertained in these facilities.

Federal-provincial co-ordination

The Department of External Affairs has a major role in co-ordinating the policies and activities of the federal and provincial governments in the international sphere. During the year, provincial governments continued to devote considerable resources to promoting their interests abroad, and they received various forms of support from the Department.

A handbook has been prepared to guide the provinces in their increasingly active role on the international scene, thus enhancing the effectiveness of federal-provincial relations. The working units from two provinces, established on a pilot basis within Canadian missions abroad, are now fully operational. The 1978 agreement between Canada and

Quebec for co-operation on immigration matters has been updated. Federal-provincial consultations were held during the year to ensure that provincial interests were considered in the formulation of international relations policies and that provincial authorities were kept informed of the federal government's position on issues of mutual interest. In addition, the Department's telecommunications network was available to the provinces, providing them rapid access to the diverse services offered by Canada's diplomatic and consular missions abroad. The Department continued to transmit to the provinces reports, comments and research material, particularly of an economic and commercial nature, from Canadian missions abroad. The missions also maintained continuing contact with provincial offices located in their areas of responsibility.

The Department facilitated provincial participation in meetings of multilateral organizations such as OECD, the Council of Europe, the UN Commission on Human Rights, the Commonwealth and Francophone institutions. It also helped arrange an increasing number of visits abroad for provincial premiers and delegations as well as visits of foreign delegations to the provinces.

Security and intelligence

The Security Services Bureau is responsible for departmental security and the development and implementation of Canada's international counter-terrorism policy. The departmental security program includes the protection of employees and their dependants serving overseas, physical and electronic data processing security at headquarters and at missions abroad, and personnel security. The Bureau provides policy co-ordination and guidance on the protection of foreign diplomats and internationally protected persons in Canada. It also develops policy recommendations for the government on international co-operation against terrorism, and co-ordinates the conduct of Canada's bilateral and multilateral counter-terrorism relationships. The Bureau co-ordinates departmental and interdepartmental response to crises abroad which involve Canadian interests, including natural disasters, evacuation of Canadian citizens, etc. and for this purpose maintains an operations centre, which functions 24 hours a day.

The Bureau of Foreign Intelligence collects, analyzes and disseminates intelligence relating to the capabilities, intentions and activities of foreign governments, organizations and individuals. Its role is to provide the government with timely, relevant and assessed information to help protect Canada's interests and facilitate the conduct of its external relations. The Bureau is organized into four divisions responsible for political intelligence, economic intelligence, intelligence services and interviews.