

The Office of the Adviser on Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs replaces the Arms Control and Disarmament Division, which was part of the Bureau of Defence and Arms Control Affairs. The duties performed by the defunct division will continue to be performed by the Office of the Adviser on Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs, except that operational responsibility for SALT and MBFR has been assumed for the time being by the Defence Relations Division. In addition, the Office is responsible for taking a special interest in policies relating to non-proliferation, looking towards the NPT Review Conference to be held in 1980, and is kept informed of all developments in this area (the Bureau of Commercial and Commodity Relations continues to be responsible for nuclear-safeguards matters).

The *Co-ordinator for Development Policy*, who reports to the Deputy Under-Secretary (Economic), is responsible for the co-ordination of all matters pertaining to the formulation of development-assistance policy — which includes not only development-assistance policy as such but also general Canadian policy towards developing countries. As the bearer of these responsibilities, the Co-ordinator is designated as the executive secretary of the Interdepartmental Committee on Economic Relations with Developing Countries.

The *Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations*, made up of deputy ministers of departments with major interests in foreign operations, is served by a Secretariat that is responsible to the Under-Secretary in his capacity as chairman of the ICER. The ICER was established in 1970 and was, in specific terms, to guide the foreign-service integration process. In more general terms, the ICER advises the Government on matters such as the formulation of broad policy, the harmonization of departmental plans and the allocation of resources for foreign operations.