

ters 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 régime is emerging 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* is divided into four sections. The Economic Section advises on the legal aspects of Canada's international economic relations, co-operating particularly with the Bureau of Technological and Economic Affairs. 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 treaties in the *Canada Treaty Series* and arranges for their tabling in Parliament. The Advisory Section advises on the constitutional aspects of Canada's international relations, on questions relating to recognition of states and governments, on human rights matters, on questions of asylum, on diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities, on legal aspects of consular and administration matters, and on such other international legal matters as do not fall within the designated responsibilities of other sections in the bureau. The Claims Section is 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 *Legal Operations Division* serves as the operational arm of the Department for a number of international legal activities, many