

clearances for military aircraft, and the employment of Canadian Forces personnel or equipment in international relief operations abroad.

The Security and Intelligence Liaison Division deals with the security aspects of the Department's operations and is responsible for the conduct of liaison on security and intelligence matters.

The Arms Control and Disarmament Division is responsible for the development of advice and recommendations concerning governmental policy and positions related not only to the attainment of the ultimate objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control and supervision but also to the more immediate negotiation of international agreements proscribing the development, production and deployment of military forces, weapons and material. In general terms, the division's work is guided by the Prime Minister's statement to the House of Commons on October 24, 1969, that "no single international activity... rates higher priority in the opinion of this Government than the pursuit of effective arms-control and arms-limitation agreements". Canada has been a strong and consistent supporter of international negotiations toward arms control and disarmament, and Canada's contributions are conveyed through its delegations to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United Nations.

On the basis of instructions and suggestions prepared in the Arms Control and Disarmament Division, after consultations with other divisions, agencies and departments, Canadian representatives participate actively in the Committee on Disarmament in Geneva, which is the negotiating body that reports annually to the United Nations General Assembly. The 26-nation Committee is seeking agreements in such important areas of arms control as a comprehensive prohibition of nuclear-weapons tests, prohibition of the emplacement of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction on the seabed and the ocean floor, and a ban on chemical and biological (bacteriological) warfare. The Arms Control and Disarmament Division also co-ordinates Canadian policies and positions on related questions under consideration in NATO. The most important of these on which consultations are held in the North Atlantic Council is the United States position in the strategic arms limitations talks which are in progress with the Soviet Union and which have an important effect on all other arms-control and disarmament subjects. The NATO Council is also considering the possibility of mutual and balanced force reductions in Central Europe and Canada is playing a positive role in these consultations.

The Press Office is concerned with the Department's relations with the press, radio and television concerning Canadian foreign policy. It prepares press conferences for the Secretary of State for External Affairs and makes press arrangements for international conferences at home and abroad and for visiting dignitaries. The head of the division acts on occasion as press spokesman for Canadian delegations headed by the Minister. The Press Office issues press releases, policy statements and announcements of major diplomatic appointments and the opening of new posts. It also distributes advance texts