

division engages in extensive liaison with the Department of National Defence, as well as other departments and agencies such as the Privy Council Office and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

This division is concerned with the foreign-policy and defence-policy aspects of Canada's participation in NATO. This responsibility involves continuous departmental and inter-departmental co-operation in the preparation of instructions for the Canadian delegation to NATO in Brussels on the wide range of subjects of concern to the Alliance, as well as in preparations for the semi-annual meetings of NATO foreign and defence ministers. The division provides advice with respect to the financing and staffing of Canada's NATO delegation and the placing of Canadians on NATO's International Secretariat.

The division is responsible for the recommendation and co-ordination of Canadian policies on negotiations directed to the management and balance of nuclear and conventional forces maintained by the members of NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Among these are the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) between the United States and the Soviet Union, which involve close consultation between the United States and its NATO allies, and the negotiations on Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks (MBFR) in Central Europe.

The North American and Bilateral Relations Section is responsible for ensuring that foreign-policy considerations affecting the defence of North America are fully considered in the formulation and implementation of defence policy. It works with other departments to ensure a co-ordinated Canadian approach to co-operative ventures with the United States designed to contribute to the defence preparedness of North America. It is also concerned with the negotiation and operation of bilateral training agreements with the United States, the Federal Republic of Germany and Britain.

Since the Defence Structure Review of 1975, this division has assumed responsibility for the consideration of foreign-policy aspects of major defence-procurement programs. In addition, it helps make arrangements for naval visits, clearances for military aircraft and the overseas tour of the National Defence College.

The Military Assistance and Peacekeeping Section of the division co-ordinates Canadian military-training assistance to developing countries (an activity that is financed through the Department's appropriations). It co-operates with the Department of National Defence in the preparation of recommendations on international peacekeeping operations, including the various military