

interest to provincial governments. In conjunction with provincial authorities, it seeks to establish closer working relations and more effective continuing procedures for consultation.

Provincial Interests Abroad

Aspects of international affairs which have been of particular interest to the provinces include:

- (1) promotion of trade, investment, new industries, immigration, tourism, cultural exchanges, environmental questions, science and technology;
- (2) participation in international conferences and in the work of international organizations on a wide range of subjects including education, health, agriculture, labour, social security and many others;
- (3) assistance to developing countries in co-operation with the Canadian International Development Agency;
- (4) participation in the Agence de Coopération culturelle et technique;
- (5) bilateral and multilateral international agreements, particularly where provincial action is required for their implementation.

Promotional Activities Abroad

In connection with some of the promotional activities mentioned above, several provinces maintain offices in foreign countries. The number has been increasing rapidly. At present Ontario, for example, has 14 offices in eight countries, and Quebec has 12 offices in six countries. Four other provinces -- Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia -- have at least one office each abroad. (While many provincial offices abroad have been set up recently, a few were established as much as a century ago.)

The Division helps provinces that wish to establish new offices abroad. It enlists the help of Canadian missions and assists, as required, in securing visas, documentation and any privileges that may be accorded to provincial officials by the foreign countries concerned.

These "promotional" activities have led to an increasing volume of provincial visits abroad. Accordingly, a continuing task of the Division lies in making necessary arrangements for visits abroad by provincial premiers, ministers and officials. It also assists with arrangements for visits of foreign personalities to the provinces.

International Conferences and Organizations

The Federal-Provincial Co-ordination Division is involved in the formation of Canadian delegations to international conferences and organizations. Basic