

a department of intergovernmental affairs, although such a body might be informed of developments. Such a channel would take longer to relay information than a direct communication, and an intergovernmental body would not necessarily distribute UNESCO material direct to the parties in the provincial government which were specifically interested in the project.

Departmental Distribution to the Provinces

UNESCO documents in categories two and three are received by the UNESCO desk officer in FAC Division, in order that this Department might monitor the activities of the Organization, and direct the participation of the Canadian delegations.

All formal invitations from UNESCO to participate in or attend meetings of a representational character - ie. where the delegate represents his country and where the country must ratify his nomination - are sent to this Department (FAC Division). These invitations are then forwarded to appropriate governmental officials, sometimes direct to provincial departments, at other times to the appropriate federal department with a request that the department arrange provincial participation if required.

From time to time the views of the provinces are sought by this Department on UNESCO education proposals; in this case, the provincial views are obtained through the agency of the Council of Ministers of Education.