

focal point for scientific and environmental matters. The division is concerned with the international, largely intergovernmental aspects of activities and programs predominantly scientific in nature or relating to the human environment, including air and water pollution. Divisional responsibilities also include the following: the conduct of scientific relations with other countries and international organizations, including the negotiation of agreements pertaining to scientific and environmental matters; the provision of advice on scientific questions with foreign policy implications; liaison and co-ordination with the Science Secretariat and other government departments; the administrative direction of official scientific representation abroad.

The direct relation between foreign policy and defence policy requires close liaison between the Department of External Affairs and other departments concerned, particularly the Department of National Defence. The Office of Politico-Military Affairs, consisting of the North American Defence and NATO Division and the Peacekeeping and Military Assistance Division, is responsible for these aspects of the Department's work.

The co-ordination of Canadian foreign and defence policies in connection with Canada's membership in NATO, participation in North American defence and other military activities abroad, is carried out through a variety of inter-departmental channels and groups in which the Department is represented. The Secretary of State for External Affairs is the chairman of the Cabinet Committee on External Policy and Defence, the meetings of which are usually attended by the Under-Secretary as well. The Department is regularly represented at the meeting of the Defence Council in the Department of National Defence and on several senior interdepartmental bodies that advise on various aspects of defence policy. The Department provides a member and the Secretary of the Canadian section of the Canada-U.S. Permanent Joint Board on Defence, and a member of the Canadian section of the Canada-U.S. Civil Emergency Planning Committee. The Office of Politico-Military Affairs is responsible for co-ordinating departmental views and for preparing guidance for the departmental representatives on such interdepartmental bodies. In particular, it is the responsibility of the officers of the North American Defence and NATO Division to co-ordinate the preparation of instructions for the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the North Atlantic Council, in Brussels, and briefs for periodic ministerial meetings concerned with defence questions, for the meetings of the Canada-U.S. Permanent Joint Board on Defence, held three times a year, and for the Canada-U.S. Committee on Civil Emergency Planning, held twice yearly.

The Peacekeeping and Military Assistance Division is responsible for co-operation with the appropriate government departments and agencies concerning the Canadian military contribution to United Nations peacekeeping or peace-observation operations, such as the UN Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP), and the UN Truce Supervision Organization in the Middle East (UNTSO). This division is also charged with the responsibility for co-ordinating Canadian military assistance to newly-independent countries (an activity that is financed through the Department's appropriations) and for co-operation with the Department of National Defence in making arrangements for such matters as naval visits, tours of the National Defence College,