

- provides advice to federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions on the interpretation of the Convention and its implications for domestic law in Canada;
- promotes early ratification of the Convention in Canada.

**DFAIT/AGH:**

- ensures that the draft Convention supports Canadian foreign policy objectives and is in keeping with Canada's ratification of other international human rights instruments;
- coordinates the input of Canadian stakeholders into the drafting and ratification of the Convention in Canada including federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions and NGOs;
- leads the presentation of Canada's reports on the Convention to the UN Committee on the Rights of Children in Geneva;
- responds to concerns and queries on the Convention from the Canadian public;
- promotes the ratification of the Convention in Canada and at the UN.

**Canadian Missions Abroad**

- lobbying foreign governments on significance of the Children's Summit and ratification of the Convention;
- providing logistics support to the Summit;
- providing follow-up to Summit in countries of accreditation through preparation of the country reports and their focus on children's rights.

**Federal Government Departments:**

- the departments of Justice, Health Canada, Heritage Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs, Human Resource Development Canada are involved in implementing the Convention at the federal level;
- Heritage Canada is responsible for coordinating ratification and implementation of the Convention with provinces and territories while Justice and Health Canada are responsible for ensuring the Convention's ratification and implementation at the federal level.

**Consultative Committee of Officials on Human Rights:**

- managed by Heritage Canada, a sub-group of this federal, provincial and territorial coordinating body deals with the drafting, ratification and implementation of the Convention;
- ensures compliance with the Convention at the provincial and territorial levels;
- provides input to Canadian delegations to the UN on the drafting, ratification and reporting on the Convention;
- participates in Canadian delegations to the UN regarding drafting and reporting on the Convention.

**Canadian NGOs**

- lobby politicians and the media to support special interests/issues associated with Canada's position on the draft Convention (rights of parents, right to life);
- lobby the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the media and politicians with regard to issues of compliance with the Convention in Canada;