

1985

*At the request of Israel and Egypt, Canada begins participation in Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), a peacekeeping force established in the Sinai Peninsula in 1982 under the Camp David Accords. Canada provided 8 helicopters crew and support until 1990, when the MFO initiated withdrawal of the helicopters as a cost-cutting measure. Currently 25 Canadians serve with this mission.*

1986

April

*Canada's SSEA, the Right Hon. Joe Clark, visits Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel.*

December

*Canada supports call for convening of an international peace conference, if properly prepared, as a mechanism for concrete progress in a peace process.*

1987

November

*Palestinian uprising (Intifada) in territories occupied by Israel since 1967.*

1988

February

*House of Commons Standing Committee on External affairs visits Jordan, Egypt and Israel.*

December

*Canada abstains on UN General Assembly Resolution 43/177 concerning a Palestinian state; Palestinian state proclaimed by Palestine National Council at Algiers in November 1988 is not recognized by Canada.*

1989

March

*Canada's SSEA, the Right Hon. Joe Clark, announces lifting of restrictions on level of contact with the PLO, and Canadian support for the principle of Palestinian self-determination in the context of peace negotiations.*