

In addition to the duties as arbitrators which they may be called on to perform, the Canadian Members also constitute the Canadian National Group under the Statute of the International Court of Justice. The function of the Group is to submit nominations to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the election of the judges of the International Court of Justice by the General Assembly and the Security Council. Candidates must obtain an absolute majority of votes in each of these two fora to be declared elected. The next elections will be held in November. The International Court of Justice consists of fifteen members who serve for a term of nine years. The late Mr. Justice John E. Read, a former Legal Advisor of the Department of External Affairs, served as a member of the Court from 1946 to 1958.