

- international agencies: members of the United Nations family of organizations to which Canada belongs will be automatically informed of Canada's position on issues of interest to them;
- other non-governmental organizations having consultative status with United Nations organizations.

2.7 Perceived Impacts or Effects

There are at least two perspectives, quite different in scope, with which one might discuss the effects or impact of the United Nations Affairs program. The more ambitious one is essentially global in nature: what have been the effects on Canada in particular, and on the world in general, of Canada's participation in the United Nations and its affiliated organizations? The much more limited perspective would look only at the "secondary" or intermediate effects of the current program design.

Among the 152 countries contributing to the United Nations, Canada ranks sixth, seventh or eighth in total contributions. The image of Canada which has been created has led to the country or its representatives being elected to a number of important posts within the system, and invited to participate in many of its activities. Canada has both made many friends and gainfully influenced a number of delegations within the membership of the organization. Among the countries where Canada has made a significant impact, one might note those of the old Commonwealth, Norway and Sweden, and, to a lesser degree, Denmark and Finland; Bangladesh, China, India, Malaysia and Pakistan; and of course, the recipients of Canadian aid from the Commonwealth, francophone Africa and the Caribbean.

It must be recognized that the identification of the actual effects of Canada's achievements (and non-achievements) in the United Nations is a study of considerable magnitude and difficulty in itself. Some of the more important perceived changes resulting from Canada's U.N. involvement, however, are noted below:

- (a) The scale of Canada's grants and contributions to the United Nations system and its various social and economic aid and development programs has netted Canadian firms a number of worthwhile contracts for the supply of needed goods and services. Thousands of Canadians from federal and provincial government