

CHAPTER 4 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

Highlights

- *Negotiation and conclusion of a comprehensive nuclear agreement with the U.S.S.R.*
- *Participation in UN peacekeeping missions in Namibia and Central America.*
- *Canada chairs the UN² Security Council in October as part of its two-year term on that Council.*
- *Canadian elected Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation.*
- *Ambassador for Marine Conservation appointed to deal with over-fishing in the Northwest Atlantic.*



Increasingly more active in the United Nations, Canada began a two-year term on the UN Security Council on January 1989.

- *First Canadian in 40 years elected head of a UN organization.*

A. THE UNITED NATIONS

Plans for an official visit to Canada in May 1990 by the UN Secretary General came as the United Nations showed renewed vigour and purpose. The visit underscored the consistent support given the world body by Canadians and their government. The United Nations has become increasingly active and relevant in the face of the momentous political events of the past year. During this period the world

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community increasingly looked for UN leadership on such diverse issues as environmental degradation, illicit drug trafficking and national democratization. Canada worked to enable the UN to respond to these challenges and opportunities.

On January 1, 1989, Canada began a two-year term on the UN Security Council, the first since 1977-78. Canada played a constructive role during a