

**Canada's Contribution to the  
Regular UN Budget**  
( \$000 Canadian)

1945-1979	\$129,340
1979-1980	19,336
1980-1981	22,452
1981-1982	23,707
1982-1983	22,213

In addition, Canada makes voluntary contributions to the UN Social and Economic programs, peacekeeping activities, and the Specialized Agencies.

complicated from a technical and political point of view, but also enormously expensive". The third example was food aid. The Canadian development assistance program included about \$325 million in 1983-84 for food aid of which approximately 40% is to be channeled through the World Food Program. He went on to add, "this UN program not only produces development returns to the recipient countries, but generates valuable income for Canadian farmers and fishermen".

On the question of how well the United Nations system is performing, Canada points to many problems within the United Nations system. However, it believes that a realistic analysis of what the United Nations is doing leads to little point in blaming the United Nations itself "for the sins and omissions of its Member States—for the inability of those who wield a veto to agree among themselves. Equally important, we must not lose sight to the significant contribution that the UN has made, and can continue to make, to the maintenance of peace and security." He went on to cite as examples, if and when peaceful solutions do come to the Middle East and Namibia, they will be "based squarely upon balanced Security Council resolutions". Another example is decolonization on which the UN has a "very respectable record in this process". Finally, he stressed, "we should not dismiss UN's function as a useful safety valve. Despite the limitations of the UN, the international situation would be infinitely more dangerous without it".

Other than the maintenance of peace and security, Canada believes that most of the valuable work goes on in the United Nations specialized agencies, such as UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, ICAO and WHO.

Social and humanitarian issues are also of importance to Canada. The Secretary of State for External Affairs said "in human rights the distance still to go should not obscure the steady progress". The UN also coordinates humanitarian assistance for refugees, responses to disasters, and works on social issues such as the status of women, youth, the aged, the disabled and the use of narcotics. Progress in these fields relates directly to programs in Canada".

Although Canada remains committed to the United Nations system, it does point out to the need to strengthen the existing institutions. First, an attitudinal change is needed to improve the working relationship between the two superpowers. Canada would like to see the permanent members of the Security Council increase their contacts through private UN meetings under the auspices of the Secretary-General.

Canada would also like to see developing countries recognize and accept the responsibility that goes with their numerical superiority in the United Nations system. Canada has sought to encourage the sense of realism and moderation which it believes has been growing among the developing countries.

Canada has proposed three specific measures to improve the effectiveness of the Security Council and the Secretary-General's role to deal with recent security issues. First, the Secretary-General should make use of his authority to bring current substantial crisis situations to the attention of the Security Council and expand his fact-finding capability. Second, the Security Council should meet privately and informally with the Secretary-General to examine and avert crises. Third, the Secretary-General should be given increased staff and resources in support of his "good offices" role of resolution of disputes.

Once again, Canada reiterated that since 1945 active support of the United Nations system has been a cornerstone of Canadian foreign policy.

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