

In ordinary times, some six months (August to January inclusive) are taken up with the work involved in preparing for, following, and then reviewing the activities of regular Assembly sessions. The rest of the year is taken up with Canadian involvement in the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs, the special bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies. Work will increase or decrease according to whether or not Canada is a member of the Council, on the executive organs of its subsidiary bodies or those of the specialized agencies. Membership in the Security Council will, of course, place additional demands on program resources.

## 2.6 Clients

The ultimate client of the United Nations Affairs program is clearly the Canadian public. One of the intended effects of the program is thus to see that people, both at home and abroad, know and appreciate what Canada's position is at a specific time on a specific issue. Apart from the general public, whether as individuals or groups, other clients range far and wide. They include:

- posts abroad: in most of the NATO countries, in Moscow and Peking, in Stockholm and in such capitals as might gainfully be contacted for an expression of views on a given subject or point at issue in one or another of the United Nations fora;
- senior management: to keep them informed on the subjects or questions at issue;
- other Bureaux: political, functional and administrative bureaux will be interested in the outcome of United Nations deliberations on issues falling within their purview;
- other federal departments, such as PCO and PMO, CIDA, CEIC, Labour, Communications, Environment, ITC;
- provincial departments of inter-governmental affairs, justice, education, culture, etc.;
- foreign governments: in publicizing Canada's role and position, all missions to the United Nations family of organizations will be circulated with the text of Canada's announced position on the main issues of the day;