

THE BUREAU OF UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS – OTTAWA

The Bureau of United Nations Affairs is charged primarily with the management of Canadian policy with respect to the activities of the United Nations system of organizations. It is a basic premise of Canadian policy to continue actively to strengthen the United Nations system as an effective instrument for international co-operation, and in particular, to improve the capacity of the United Nations to discharge its Charter responsibilities. In pursuing these objectives, the Bureau consults closely with other Bureaux and government departments and agencies.

The United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Division has as its field of responsibility the coordination of Canadian policy and activity as regards the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs, the special bodies of the United Nations, and the Specialized Agencies. Human Rights matters and United Nations issues related to social and economic development fall within the purview of this Division.

The United Nations Political and Institutional Affairs Division is responsible for assessing the political implications of developments in the Security Council, the General Assembly, and other United Nations organizations, reviewing the institutional development of the United Nations system, and examining administrative, financial and procedural questions.

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Almost all members of the U.N., including Canada, have found it necessary to maintain continuing representation at the seat of the United Nations.

Certain states which are not members of the United Nations, including Switzerland, Monaco, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Viet-Nam and The Holy See, have established permanent observer missions in New York.

The first Canadian Permanent Mission in New York was established in January, 1948, with the appointment of General McNaughton as the first Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations. The following individuals have served in the capacity of Permanent Representative since General McNaughton's term of office expired in December, 1949: