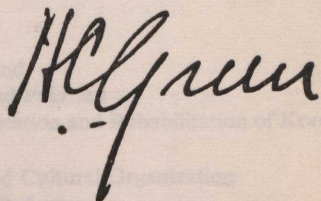


## FOREWORD

This publication is issued each year to inform the public about Canada's annual participation in the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies. To put the Canadian role in its proper perspective and to increase the usefulness of the publication for reference purposes in universities, schools and libraries, it has usually taken the form of a review of the activities in the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies during the current year. During the past few months, I have given some thought to ways in which the publication might be improved. Accordingly, a number of presentational changes have been made in this edition.

The general survey has been expanded to include an assessment of the main developments at the United Nations and to place them in the perspective of international affairs during the year. The ensuing chapters contain concise factual summaries of proceedings in the various United Nations organs and in the Specialized Agencies. I believe that the publication should concentrate on the actual events in the period with which it is concerned and that it should not duplicate historical and other supporting material which is available elsewhere. This year, additional factual data have been provided in the appendices in the hope that the publication will serve as a ready reference work.

I have been much heartened by the great interest and warm enthusiasm which Canadians have consistently manifested in the United Nations. In these troubled times it seems to me particularly important that every effort should be made to provide Canadians with the kind of information which will be most helpful to them in learning about the work of the United Nations and appreciating Canada's role in the organization. The strengthening of the United Nations is one of the prime objectives of Canadian foreign policy and I am firmly convinced that member states have a solemn duty to perform in ensuring that the organization preserves its capacity for maintaining peace and facilitating international understanding and co-operation in the widest possible range of human endeavour.



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