

the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine
Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
the World Food Program (WFP).

In addition, as a member of each of the 13 Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Canada was assessed and made contributions of \$137.5 million (excluding subscriptions to the Bretton Woods Institutions: IBRD, IMF, IFC, and IDA). In summary, Canada's total contribution to the United Nations and its related bodies, the IAEA and the United Nations Association in Canada (UNAC), approximated \$460.2 million during the period March 31, 1946 - March 31, 1970.

The efforts of the UN to maintain peace and security are well known to the general public. Regrettably, insufficient public attention is paid to the less sensational but nonetheless constructive work of the UN Special Programs (UNRWA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP and the UN/FAO World Food Program), as well as the related programs of the Specialized Agencies and the IAEA. In a summary perspective, these efforts constitute an impressive endeavour to conquer those timeless enemies of mankind illiteracy, hunger and disease, while simultaneously providing a significant contribution to political and economic stability in the developing areas of the world.

The following will provide a short description of the activities of the United Nations in peacekeeping and social and economic developments. A statement of Canada's contributions to these important activities (during the period March 31, 1945, to March 31, 1970) is included as Appendix A. Appendix B contains a table listing Canada's contributions to the United Nations system during 1969-70 and Appendix C compares the total contributions of the ten major contributing countries to the voluntary Special Programs of the United Nations.

Peacekeeping and UN Finances

Article 1 of the United Nations Charter states that the purpose of the United Nations is "to maintain international peace and security" and to take "collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace and for the suppression of acts of aggression". Since 1945, the UN has been involved in military operations in:

Korea

Unified Command in Korea, 1950-53.

Pakistan and India

United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan
(UNMOGIP), 1949 to the present.
United Nations India-Pakistan Observer Mission (UNIPOM), 1965-66.