

CANADA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

As the activities of the U.N. touch many if not all of Canada's national objectives and policies, Canada regards the U.N. as an important instrument in trying to achieve these objectives and policies in their international context. Since the foreign policy review, Canadian activities in the U.N. system have emphasized the themes of Economic Growth, Social Justice, Quality of Life and Peace and Security.

Central to the Canadian approach is the belief that Canada should actively work to help make the U.N. an effective means of developing international co-operation. Equally, Canada thinks it important to help improve the capacity of the U.N. to carry out its Charter responsibilities.

Within the U.N., Canada has focused on the following objectives:

- (1) contributing to social and economic development
- (2) working to stop the arms race
- (3) promoting peacekeeping and peace-making through the United Nations
- (4) reconciling Canadian objectives in southern Africa
- (5) taking measures to prevent further deterioration in the human environment
- (6) promoting international co-operation in the peaceful uses of satellite systems
- (7) promoting international co-operation in the use of the seabed beyond the limits of national jurisdiction
- (8) promoting observance of human rights, including adherence to and respect for various United Nations conventions
- (9) contributing to the progressive development and codification of international law
- (10) projecting Canada as a bilingual country within the United Nations context
- (11) contributing to the institutional development of the United Nations as a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations.