

INSTRUMENTS OF OFFICIAL CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

Bureau of United Nations Affairs  
Department of External Affairs, Ottawa

The Bureau of United Nations Affairs (UNP) 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 continuously with other bureaux and government departments and agencies.

UNP consists of two operational divisions. The United Nations Political and Institutional Affairs Division (UNO) is responsible for assessing the political implications of developments in the Security Council, the General Assembly and other UN organizations, and coordinating Canadian policy and activities in these areas. The Division also looks after Canadian policy and activities with respect to ECOSOC. It examines and coordinates as well Canadian policy and activities regarding the institutional development of the United Nations system and the coordination of administrative, personnel management, financial and budgetary matters throughout the United Nations family of organizations. The United Nations Social and Humanitarian Affairs Division (UNS) has as its field of responsibility the coordination of Canadian policy and activities concerning social affairs, refugee and emergency relief, and human rights. Through direction, coordination and liaison, both divisions attempt to maximize the opportunities offered in the United Nations and related institutions for the advancement of a broad range of Canadian national goals.

Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York

Almost all members of the UN, including Canada, have found it necessary and advantageous to maintain a continuing representation at the seat of the United Nations. 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 as Canadian Permanent Representative:

	General McNaughton	January 1948-December 1949
(acting)	J.W. Holmes	January 1950-June 1950
	R.G. Riddell	June 1950-June 1951
	D.M. Johnson	November 1951-August 1955
	R.A. MacKay	August 1955-November 1957
	C.S.A. Ritchie	January 1958-February 1962
	P. Tremblay	July 1962-June 1966
	G. Ignatieff	July 1966-February 1969
	Y. Beaulne	February 1969-June 1972
	S.F. Rae	July 1972-July 1976
	W.H. Barton	August 1976-