

IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES OF ARBITRATORS WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL GROUP MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM, THEY ALSO PERFORM AN IMPORTANT SUPPLEMENTARY FUNCTION WHICH IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. THIS FUNCTION IS TO MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. UNDER THE STATUTE, THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO NOMINATE FOUR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE COURT WHOSE NAMES ARE COMMUNICATED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL NOTIFIES MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF ALL NOMINATIONS PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL ELECTIONS WHICH ARE CONDUCTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL. CANDIDATES WHO OBTAIN AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF VOTES IN THE ASSEMBLY AND IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE CONSIDERED AS ELECTED.

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL GROUP PLANS TO MEET IN OTTAWA LATER THIS MONTH TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURT ELECTIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE 15TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS AUTUMN. THESE ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD TO REPLACE FIVE RETIRING JUDGES AND TO FILL ONE VACANCY CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF SIR HERSH LAUTERPACHT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE STATUTE OF THE COURT PROVIDES THAT THE COURT SHALL CONSIST OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS, NO TWO OF WHOM MAY BE NATIONALS OF THE SAME STATE. NO CANADIAN IS A MEMBER OF THE COURT AT THE PRESENT TIME. THERE WAS A CANADIAN ON THE COURT IN THE PERSON OF MR. JUSTICE JOHN E. READ. HIS TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRED IN 1958.

MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL GROUP HOLD OFFICE FOR