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This year is the 40th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945. Canada was an important player in 1945 and has strongly supported the UN throughout its forty years.

If young Canadians today agree that the United Nations is the best means we have to promote a peaceful, healthy and well-educated world, then, in the future, Canada's important role will continue.

That is why my Department, with the cooperation of the United Nations Association in Canada, is making educational material on the United Nations available to young Canadians.

You will often hear the United Nations criticized. It has many difficulties. But, it is the only forum we have for discussing world problems among almost all the countries in the world.

And then there is the work of United Nations agencies. UNICEF, for example, saves the lives of 400,000 children every year. The world *needs* the United Nations system.

I hope you will find this information kit interesting and that it helps you form your own opinion about the value of the United Nations. The world may need the United Nations but it is equally true that the United Nations needs you.

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