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The Canadian Government hoped that half the membership of the Economic and Social Council would be drawn from the dozen or so states of chief economic importance, some of which would be repeatedly re-elected. Accordingly, at San Francisco the Canadian delegation proposed that states should be elected with "due regard to the necessity of arranging for the adequate representation of states of major economic importance". This proposal was not accepted but the principle was reflected in the provision in Article 61 to the effect that retiring members of the Economic and Social Council should be eligible for immediate re-election.

The Economic and Social Council was seen by Canada as a body to consist of states best able to contribute to the social and economic well-being of both member and non-member states; in the same way, the Security Council was looked on as a body to be composed of states best able to contribute to general security.

(a) Security Council

One of Canada's main aims was to ensure that the security provisions of the new organization should be as effective as possible. Under the Charter, primary responsibility for the maintenance of peace is concentrated in the Security Council. Within certain defined limits, the Council has the power to direct members to take action to enforce peace. At San Francisco, Canada insisted upon a provision under which the armed forces of a state not a member of the Security Council could only be called out for action after that state had taken part in the Security Council's decision. The Canadian delegation submitted a proposal intended to give effect to the principle of "no taxation without representation" in the most important case in which a state's interest could be involved — that is, the commitment of its own armed forces to enforcement action decided upon by the Council. The outcome was Article 44, which says that, when the Security Council decides to use force, each member that