

In the belief that international peace and security could best be served through economic and social development, Canada has been a strong advocate and major contributor to the work of the many UN specialized agencies concerned with these matters.

In recent years, financial crises and other difficulties, such as proliferating regional conflicts, have increased the vulnerability of the UN. The confidence of many has been shaken. While not underestimating the challenges, Canada has remained committed to the organization and defended the UN's contributions and its potential for promoting international security.

Canada has also taken the lead in proposing concrete measures for renewing confidence in the organization by adapting it to current and future needs. Canada's objectives include:

- ensuring that the UN establishes clear priorities;
- persuading member states to ensure a sound financial base for the UN;
- helping the UN to review and reorganize its management structure; and
- encouraging better co-ordination of efforts in developing countries.