

United Nations Association of Canada (UNAC)

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The United Nations Association in Canada is a non-profit national organization dedicated to promoting the objectives and programmes of the United Nations through educational and advocacy work with the widest possible range of the Canadian public. UNAC offers individual Canadians the opportunity to play an active role in promoting Canadian understanding of, interest in, and support for the United Nations.

The Association offers educational programmes and services for people of all ages and those services are provided through a National Office in Ottawa working in collaboration with a network of Branches spread across the country. The Association is the effective UN Information Centre for Canada. It also coordinates non-government and related activities around major UN events and special dates.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance*

In order to promote good governance, the UNAC brings forth eminent Canadian and international speakers who participate in conferences, seminars and other public events organized by the Association. Additionally, the UNAC participates in press briefings to encourage more extensive and better informed international and foreign policy coverage in the Canadian media.

Consultation, Co-Operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

The UNAC has a quarterly Bulletin as well as special publications to inform both Association members and the general public about the UN and international affairs. The Association addresses statements on current issues to the Government and to Parliamentary Committees that contribute to the development of government policy.