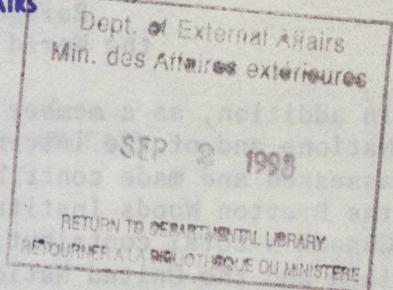


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CANADA'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The operating costs of the United Nations, as set out in the organization's annual budget and approved by the General Assembly, are met by assessing the member states. This assessment is derived in accordance with an accepted formula based on relative capacity to pay. In 1970, Canada's share of the regular budget was \$4.6⁽¹⁾ million, or 3.02 per cent of the net total. Canada is the eighth-largest contributor. Subject to Assembly approval, the UN Committee on Contributions has decided that, owing to an increased capacity to pay, Canada's assessment rate for 1971-1973 should be increased to 3.08 per cent.

In addition to activities covered by the regular budget, the United Nations carries out extensive programs of economic and technical assistance financed by voluntary or assessed contributions from member states.

Between March 31, 1945, and March 31, 1970, Canada paid assessments of approximately \$50.4 million to the regular budget of the United Nations, as well as \$15 million towards the costs of peacekeeping operations in the Congo (ONUC)⁽²⁾ and the Middle East (UNEF)⁽³⁾. In maintaining its peacekeeping contingent in Cyprus (UNFICYP)⁽⁴⁾, Canada will have absorbed costs amounting to \$14 million by June 18, 1970.

During the first 25 years of the UN, Canada voluntarily contributed in excess of \$264.6 million to special programs such as:

- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, all financial figures are in Canadian dollars.
- (2) ONUC ceased activities June 30, 1964.
- (3) UNEF was withdrawn in June 1967.
- (4) This figure represents the cost to Canada over and above the cost the Government would have had to bear in order to maintain these forces in Canada.

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