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## CANADA'S 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 nations in accordance with an agreed formula based on their relative capacity to pay. In 1968, Canada's share of the regular budget was \$3.8 million, or 3.02 per cent of the total. Canada is the eighth largest contributor.

In addition to the activities covered by the regular budget, the United Nations carries out extensive programmes of economic and technical assistance, aid for refugees, etc., which are financed by voluntary contributions.

From March 31, 1945, to March 31, 1968, Canada paid assessments of about \$41.8 million to the regular budget of the United Nations and of approximately \$15 million as its share of the costs of peacekeeping operations in the Congo (ONUC)<sup>1</sup> and the Middle East (UNEF)<sup>2</sup>. By the end of March 1968, Canada had also absorbed costs of about \$12.4 million, without seeking reimbursement from the United Nations, to maintain its peacekeeping contingent in Cyprus (UNFICYP)<sup>3</sup>. From March 31, 1945, to March 31, 1968, Canada made voluntary contributions to special United Nations programmes such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Middle East (UNRWA) and the World Food Programme (WFP) of over \$217 million. In addition, Canada, as a member of each of the 13 Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), was assessed and made contributions of about \$90.7 million (excluding subscriptions to the Bretton Woods Institutions). Accordingly, Canada's total contribution to the United Nations and its related bodies, the IAEA and the United Nations Association in Canada (UNAC), totalled approximately \$376.9 million during the period March 31, 1945 - March 31, 1968. Canada's contribution to these bodies in 1968-69 will be about \$36.48 million.

<sup>1</sup> ONUC ceased activities June 30, 1964.

<sup>2</sup> UNEF was withdrawn in June 1967.

<sup>3</sup> 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.