

Canada has taken part in all major UN peace-keeping operations. It gives consideration to the requests for participation in such ventures as long as they contribute to maintaining peace and stability. It also plays a leading part in the initiatives of the United Nations in arms control and disarmament.

## The Commonwealth and La Francophonie

Canada is a member of the Commonwealth, a fraternity of sovereign countries, associated states and dependent territories of which the total population represents more than a quarter of the human race. Within the Commonwealth, some 250 non-governmental organizations work to establish common values. Structures for consultation and co-operation have been set up, associations have been formed and subsidized institutions have been created.

