

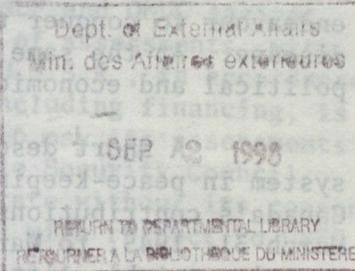
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CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Each of the 122 members of the United Nations is required to pay an annual assessment representing that country's share of the organization's expenses. In 1967, Canada's share was \$3.6 million, which is 3.17 per cent of the United Nations regular budget -- the sixth largest contribution.

From March 31, 1945, to March 31, 1967, Canada paid assessments of about \$38.2 million to the regular budget of the UN and of approximately \$14.4 million as its share of the costs of peacekeeping operations in the Congo (ONUC)¹ and the Middle East (UNEF)². By the end of 1966, Canada had also absorbed costs of about \$9.9 million, without seeking reimbursement from the United Nations, to maintain its peacekeeping contingent in Cyprus (UNFICYP)³. From March 31, 1945, to March 31, 1967, 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 approximately \$191 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 \$84.9 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 \$338.2 million during the period March 31, 1945 - March 31, 1967. Canada's contribution to these bodies in 1967-68 will be about \$37.6 million.

The United Nations efforts to maintain peace and security are well known to the general public. Regrettably, insufficient public attention is paid to the quieter but nevertheless constructive work of the United Nations

- 1 ONUC ceased activities June 30, 1964.
- 2 UNEF was withdrawn in June 1967.
- 3 This figure represents the cost to Canada over and above the cost which the Government would have had to bear in order to maintain these forces in Canada.

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