

Canada Wins UN Security Council Seat



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Canada's role as an objective conciliator was given a boost last fall when it won a seat on the United Nations Security Council for a two-year term.

The election to the council comes at a time when the United Nations' function in international affairs is being revitalized.

"We welcome the opportunity to play a special role on the Security Council in pursuit of peace and security," said Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark. "Canadians are skilled at working with people of divergent views to solve difficult issues."

Since the founding of the United Nations in 1948, Canada has served as a

representative on the Security Council four times, approximately once every decade.

Participation on the council has been viewed as an important obligation and concrete demonstration of Canada's commitment to the promotion of international peace and security.

A strong supporter of the United Nations, Canada has been a major force in the development of the concept of peacekeeping and has participated in all UN peacekeeping operations, including recently in Afghanistan and Iran/Iraq.



Ambassador Yves Fortier at a session of the United Nations Security Council.