



CANADA'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

As a developing country, Canada has historically supported international organizations dedicated to improving communications throughout the world. Initially this support was from the public sector because of the need to define interfaces at Canada's gateways. As Canadian companies entered the international marketplace, they realized that to effectively compete they must be prepared to meet international standards and participate in their development.

As a consequence, many companies now serve on the various international committees that are developing the standards. As a result, more international standards are being applied in the development of the Canadian communications networks. As an example, recent notable activity includes the development of ISDN and OSI (Open System Interconnect) standards.

Today Canadians are serving on committees of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the Pacific Telecommunications Council (PTC), Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization, INTELSAT and many other organizations dedicated to developing greater uniformity in international communications. In addition, Canadians are regular participants in conferences with counterpart operating organizations, both abroad and in the United States. This participation helps to resolve communications interface problems and to ensure that Canada truly retains a position in the world community.



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