

and water organized during past years in other countries. At the Law of the Sea Conference, Canada played a fittingly pre-eminent role in view of its importance as a maritime power with interest in fisheries.

Canada is a member of all the United Nations specialized institutions, including the International Civil Aviation Organization, which has its headquarters in Montreal. It is ninth among the member states in contributions to the annual regular budget of the United Nations and, since 1946, it has contributed more than \$1 billion to United Nations organizations.

The Commonwealth

Because of its French and English origins, Canada places particular importance on its links with the Commonwealth and La Francophonie.

As the British colonies moved towards autonomy and independence, many of their heads of government wished to preserve some form of asso-

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