



During the Suez Crisis of 1956, Lester B. Pearson, Canada's Minister of External Affairs, proposed and sponsored a United Nations peacekeeping force to help end hostilities in the Middle East. The United Nations Emergency Force was stationed in Sinai and along the Gaza Strip from 1957 to 1967. For his efforts Lester B. Pearson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957.

David Ben-Gurion, Israel's founding father and its first and longest-serving prime minister, led in building ties with many nations, including a strong relationship with Canada. In May 1961, he made the first state visit by an Israeli to Canada. Since then, visits by political leaders of both nations have been frequent.

- 1 Second Session of the United Nations General Assembly, November 17, 1947.  
Source: [www.unmultimedia.org](http://www.unmultimedia.org)
- 2 Ivan C. Rand, 1948.  
Source: Library and Archives Canada (Purchased)
- 3 The Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel, May 14, 1948.  
Source: Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs ([www.mfa.gov.il](http://www.mfa.gov.il))
- 4 History, November 4, 1947.  
Source: Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs ([www.mfa.gov.il](http://www.mfa.gov.il))
- 5 Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Harman (centre), Israeli Ambassador to the United States, 1959.  
Source: Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
- 6 George Kidd  
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- 7 Michael Saul Comay, Israeli Representative to the United Nations.  
Source: Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
- 8 Pearson holds up a radiogram, 1957.  
Source: Library and Archives Canada (Purchased)
- 9 Visit of Israeli diplomat and politician, Abba Eban, and Pearson, 1966.  
Source: Library and Archives Canada (Purchased)
- 10 David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister and Canada's Prime Minister John Diefenbaker meeting in 1961.

