

United Nations

Regular Budget

The Regular Budget of the United Nations provides for its operating expenses and is considered and approved annually by the General Assembly. The gross budget appropriations for the United Nations financial year 1971 amounted to \$192 million (U.S.). The actual assessment of member states of \$179 million (U.S.) was apportioned among all members by the General Assembly in accordance with accepted principles, the most important of which is the relative capacity to pay as derived from net national product estimates of member states. Canada's assessment of 3.08 per cent, the eighth largest, resulted in a 1972 contribution of \$5.49 million.

The United Nations Secretariat, which is financed by these contributions, provides services for the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, and other organs and bodies of the United Nations, and implements a broad range of approved programs, often on a global scale. These programs include some peacekeeping activities and activities in the political, economic, legal, social and humanitarian fields. The Regular Budget also makes provision for the expenditures of the secretariats of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), four regional economic commissions, information centres around the world, special missions and the International Court of Justice. The United Nations is also one of the "executing agencies" implementing programs financed from voluntary contributions to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP -- see below). The establishment financed by the Regular Budget comprises over 8,000 persons.

Peace-keeping

Article 1 of the Charter states one of the purposes of the United Nations is "To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression...". Since 1945, the United Nations has been involved in ten military operations:

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| (1) United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
in Palestine ⁽²⁾ | UNTSO | 1948-present |
| (2) United Nations Military Observer Group in
India and Pakistan | UNMOGIP | 1949-present |
| (3) Unified Command in Korea | --- | 1950-1953 |
| (4) United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle
East | UNEF | 1956-1967 |

(2) Financed fully by assessment through the Regular Budget of the United Nations.