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The United Nations was 21 years old in 1966 and, by analogy, we may be tempted to conclude it has reached its majority. International organization is still a new idea in the history of relations between peoples. Indeed, international organization on the scale of the UN, including the great majority of the states of the world, may be said to date only from recent years. So it would be misleading to consider the UN "has come of age". We are still at the beginning of the process of organizing international society. In a world where inequality and injustice remain all too obvious, we may expect that relations between states will continue to be disturbed.

Nevertheless, the ideals expressed in the Charter of the UN are accepted by all member states, however short we may fall of realizing them. The UN organization remains a potentially effective instrument to give these ideals reality. Programmes for technical assistance, procedures for the settlement of international disputes, executive agencies and deliberative organs—all of these mechanisms exist for the use of member states if they wish to use them. The following pages illustrate how, in practice, the member states, and Canada in particular, made use of the UN in 1966.

I wish to take the opportunity to reaffirm, once again, Canada's support for the purposes and principles of the Charter and faith in the future of the United Nations system of international organization.

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