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## Objective

To explore the meaning of peace and learn about Canada's role in UN peacekeeping.

## Activity

### Materials:

Photocopies of page 21, drawing equipment.

### Procedure:

The primary purpose of the United Nations is "to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security." One way that it does that is to send UN peacekeeping soldiers to trouble spots. Operating under the flag of the UN (figure #2), their main job is to keep the peace and separate adversaries in crisis spots. They represent law and order rather than armed force. The United Nations has more than 9,000 soldiers from 23 nations serving in five separate peacekeeping operations.

Have students read, or read to them, the interview that follows.

Peace is more than getting people to stop fighting (see Our Better Selves, page 4). Have students draw their own concept of peace.

## Blue Beret: Interview

### Background

The United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) was established there in 1964 following the outbreak of hostilities between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities (see photograph on page 21).

Canada has been a major contributor to this force in Cyprus since it began, with a current commitment of 515 personnel. Its mandate is to prevent a recurrence of fighting between hostile factions, and, as necessary, to contribute to the maintenance and restoration of law and order and to assist in the return to normal conditions. Although it is regrettable that the parties to the dispute have not yet been able to reach a negotiated settlement, the continued presence of UNFICYP is considered necessary to maintain a peaceful situation in which the search for a political settlement may continue.

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