

2. CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

a. The Bureau of United Nations Affairs - The Department of External Affairs -- Ottawa

The Bureau of United Nations Affairs (UNP) has been assigned responsibility for the management of Canadian policy with regard to the United Nations and co-ordination of Canada's contribution to the activities of the United Nations. A basic premise of Canadian policy is that Canada should continue to support the United Nations in fulfilling its obligations under the Charter and to work for the strengthening the United Nations system as an effective instrument for international co-operation. In pursuing these objectives, the Bureau consults closely with other bureaux and Government departments and agencies.

The United Nations Institution and Social Affairs Division (UNS) is responsible for the co-ordination of Canadian policy and activity as regards ECOSOC and its subsidiary organs, the special bodies of the United Nations, and the Specialized Agencies. Human rights matters and United Nations issues related to social development fall within the purview of this division. In addition, the Division is responsible for examining administrative, financial and procedural questions.

The United Nations Political Affairs Division (UNO) is responsible for assessing the political implications of developments in the Security Council, the General Assembly, and other United Nations organizations, and co-ordinating Canadian policy and activity in these areas. The Division is also responsible for the placement of Canadians in international organizations.

Through direction, co-ordination and liaison, both Division attempt to maximize the opportunities offered in the United Nations and related institutions for the advancement of a broad range of Canadian national goals.

b. The Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations

New York

Almost all members of the UN, including Canada, have found it necessary to maintain continuing representation at the seat of the United Nations.

The first Canadian Permanent Mission in New York was established in January 1948, with the appointment of General McNaughton as the first Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations. The following individuals have served in the capacity of Permanent Representative: