

Canadians who served with distinction within the United Nations

Lt.-Gen. Maurice Baril

Senior military adviser to the Secretary-General in 1992; headed the Department of Peacekeeping Operations during the 1990s.

Alan Beesley

Central figure in the negotiations that led to the Law of the Sea Convention (1967–82). Proponent of the idea that the oceans belong to the “common heritage of mankind.”

Harry Black

Served as Executive Director of UNICEF in the 1970s.

Lt.-Gen. E.L. Burns

Assembled and led the United Nations Emergency Force, which defused the Suez Crisis in 1956. Served as Chief of Staff for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

James Carney

Helped launch an aid program for developing nations by producing over 200 films for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in 1976. Commissioner-General for the UN Pavilion at Expo 86 in Vancouver.

Margaret Catley-Carlson

Deputy Executive Director of Operations at UNICEF, with the rank of UN Under-Secretary-General (1981–83).

Brock Chisholm

First Director-General of the World Health Organization.

Rt. Hon. Joe Clark

Former Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, served as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Cyprus. Also played an important role in mobilizing international opinion against apartheid in South Africa.

Justice Jules Deschênes

Chaired the Commission of Inquiry on Romania (1989–91). Served as a consultant for the UN Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in Vienna (1983–85). Judge on the international tribunals investigating war crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

Elizabeth Dowdeswell

Canada's Permanent Representative to the World Meteorological Organization. Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme in 1992. A world expert on climate.

William Epstein

Secretary of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (1952–72). Director of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (1954–72). Played an important role in numerous negotiating sessions leading to the signing of several arms control treaties, including the Partial Test Ban Treaty (1963) and the Biological Weapons Convention (1972).

Col. Don Ethell

Commanded the Canadian contingent serving under the United Nations Disengagement Observer