

It is believed that as an individual becomes more aware of the potentialities and limitations of the United Nations system, so his ability to identify and evaluate possible courses of action for the resolution of international problems is enhanced. Also, while most Parliamentarians will be familiar with the problems under discussion in the United Nations, experience as an observer may contribute to a deeper understanding of specific issues troubling the world community and the way in which these issues can affect Canada.

### 3. CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SYSTEM OF ORGANIZATIONS

1. On January 1, 1977, Canada became a member of the Security Council for the fourth time. The present term expires on December 31, 1978.

By virtue of this seat, Canada became a member of the following Security Council bodies:

- Committee of Experts on Rules of Procedure
- Committee on the Admission of New Members
- Committee on Southern Rhodesia

2. As a member of the United Nations, Canada is, of course, represented at each session of the United Nations General Assembly, including the seven main committees:

- First Committee (political and security)
- Special Political Committee (political questions not discussed by First Committee)
- Second Committee (economic and financial)
- Third Committee (social, humanitarian and cultural)
- Fourth Committee (trusteeship, including non-self-governing territories)
- Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary)
- Sixth Committee (legal)

3. Canada participates in the following subsidiary or ad hoc bodies of the United Nations General Assembly:

- Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (Committee of 33)
- Committee on Relations with the Host Country
- Board of Auditors
- Committee on Conferences
- Committee on Contributions
- Disarmament Commission
- United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee
- UNSCEAR - United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
- Commission for the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea
- Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space