

their annual contribution, including Canada. Full payment was due on Jan. 31, 2004.

- Canada's share for the UN regular budget and for the UN peacekeeping budget was 2.5 per cent each in 2003. It increased slightly to 2.8 per cent in 2004.
- The UN peacekeeping budget for the period July 2003 to June 2004 is \$2.8 billion US (about \$3.7 billion Cdn).
- For the period April 2002 to March 2003, Canada's assessed contributions to UN peacekeeping operations amounted to about \$77.1 million.
- Canada has led the way in calling for all member states to meet their financial obligations in full and on time, as Canada has consistently done. As of Dec. 31, 2003, total outstanding contributions to the UN regular budget, the UN peacekeeping budget, and the International Criminal Tribunals totalled \$1.6 billion US. Of this, more than \$1 billion US is outstanding for the peacekeeping budget.
- The cost of UN peacekeeping has fluctuated widely in recent years in response to conditions in trouble spots around the world.
- On Dec. 31, 2003, there were 233 Canadian Forces and civilian police personnel committed to seven UN peacekeeping operations around the world. In total, about 3,600 Canadian Forces personnel are currently serving on UN-mandated operations.
- Since the inception of peacekeeping in 1956, more than 100,000 Canadians have served in these operations.