humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and

"4. To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common needs."

The 1966 version consisted of a chapter on the historical background followed by four chapters containing accounts of activities and problems grouped respectively under headings drawn from or inspired by the "purposes" defined in Article 1 of the Charter. Because of the great expansion in the activities of the organization during the last ten years, it has not been practicable to follow the same scheme in this book; rather, it has been found desirable to insert chapters, additional to those inspired by the "purposes", on disarmament and arms control, the "new international economic order", the development of international law, and finance and administration. An appendix contains a summary of the financial contributions made by Canada since 1945 to the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies.

It goes without saying that in a book of this size it is not possible to cover all aspects of United Nations activities. The discussion is concentrated on areas that have been of major concern to Canada.