

This booklet has been prepared to provide the public with a compact reference work which outlines the procedure and work of the United Nations and, in particular, of the Canadian Delegation to the Thirty-Second UN General Assembly.

The UN Charter established six principal organs of the United Nations: the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice and the Secretariat. The General Assembly is at the centre of the United Nations' system; it receives and considers reports from the other organs of the United Nations, including the Security Council. The General Assembly meets every year from the end of September until the end of December and provides opportunity to all member states to discuss and make recommendations on world problems.

Canada is an active participant in the proceedings of the General Assembly. Many statements on a number of issues were made by members of the Canadian Delegation during the Thirty-Second Session. Included in this book are some of the more important, addressing those issues of major concern to Canada. The full text of all statements delivered at UNGA XXXII and further information about Canada's role in the UN may be obtained by writing the Public Relations Division, Department of External Affairs, Lester B. Pearson Building, OTTAWA K1A 0G2.