

involve many Canadians of both languages in international exchanges reflecting particular professional and cultural interests.

The United Nations, in addition to its traditional concern with the maintenance of international peace and security, has been increasingly preoccupied with such items as aid and trade questions, environmental control, territorial waters, resources of the sea, outer space, and, especially in the ICAO, safeguarding commercial airlines against hijacking. Canadian delegations played an active role in the consideration of these issues in 1972

and took a leading part as well in the discussion of security matters such as peacekeeping procedures and arms control. Canada continued to press for the cessation of all nuclear tests.

The pages which follow discuss these and other Canadian external activities in more detail. The common thread is the defence and promotion of Canadian interests, interpreted in a sense which corresponds to the view of most Canadians that their country should play a responsible, responsive and constructive role in world affairs.