

1983

October Canada's SSEA, Allan MacEachen, visits Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Israel.

1985

At the request of Israel and Egypt, Canada begins participation in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), a peacekeeping force established in the Sinai Peninsula in 1982 under the Camp David Accords. Canada provided eight helicopters, crew and support until 1990, when the MFO initiated withdrawal of the helicopters as a cost-cutting measure. Currently, 27 Canadians serve with this mission.

1986

April Canada's SSEA, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, visits Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel.

December Canada supports the call to convene an international peace conference, if properly prepared, as a mechanism for concrete progress in a peace process.

1987

December A Palestinian uprising (Intifada) begins in territories occupied by Israel since 1967.

1988

February The House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs visits Jordan, Egypt and Israel.

December Canada abstains on UN General Assembly Resolution 43/177 concerning a Palestinian state; the Palestinian state proclaimed by the Palestine National Council at Algiers in November 1988 is not recognized by Canada.

1989

March The Right Honourable Joe Clark, announces the lifting of restrictions on the level of contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Canadian support for the principle of Palestinian self-determination in the context of peace negotiations.

June The President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, makes a state visit to Canada.

October His Majesty, King Hussein Bin Talal, of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, makes a state visit to Canada.