

Any attempt to re-open and re-negotiate the UN Charter in toto, however, could call forth a horrendous scenario and should be resolutely avoided. The Charter is an excellent one that has withstood the passage of time in most respects. What it needs is some modernization to adapt it to the realities of our own day, something which can be accomplished through a number of amendments using the simpler procedure set out in Article 108. In fact, much needed reform can take place completely outside any Charter context.

This paper will examine those changes necessary to achieve a reinvigorated United Nations and the role that Canada, uniquely equipped for the task, should play in an evolving UN reform process. With a high stake in the outcome, Canadians should not hesitate to be in the vanguard of those few who will lead the way.