

4. CANADA'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

a. Regular Budget for the United Nations

The United Nations operates on a biennial fiscal period which begins on January 1 of every second year. At the thirty-second session in 1977 the General Assembly voted appropriations totaling \$985.9 million (U.S.) for the biennial fiscal period 1978-79. The anticipated income for the biennium, apart from member country contributions, is \$174.1 million (U.S.). The General Assembly assessed member states \$487.8 million (U.S.) for costs to be incurred during 1978.

b. Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The new scale of assessments for 1978-79 results from a decision taken at the thirty-second General Assembly to adopt a new scale for two years. The scale of assessments of the member state's contributions to the UN budget for the financial year are as follows (listed in order of magnitude):

U.S.A.	25.00 percent
U.S.S.R.	11.60 percent
Japan	8.64 percent
Federal Republic of Germany	7.70 percent
France	5.82 percent
China	5.50 percent
Britain	4.52 percent
Italy	3.38 percent
Canada	3.04 percent
9 member states	1.00 to 2.00 percent each
61 member states	0.03 to 1.00 percent each
17 member states	0.02 percent each
49 member states	0.01 (floor)

IACA (Regular and operational budgets)

UN Association in Canada

Canada ranks as sixth to ninth largest contributor to the budget of the United Nations and its related agencies.

This does not include a contribution of approximately \$78 million (Can) in food