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CANADA ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

Opportunities and Challenges



Canada was the recipient of a remarkable vote of confidence on October 8, 1998, when 131 of 177 possible votes were cast in its favour during the election to fill five of the ten non-permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council. Canada's new mandate will run from January 1, 1999, to December 31, 2000.

On completion of the voting, Minister of Foreign Affairs Lloyd Axworthy said that this was a tremendous recognition of Canada's international stature by member states of the UN. "By electing Canada to the Security Council, they have acknowledged Canada's solid international peace and security credentials. Canada's leadership on such initiatives as the anti-personnel mine ban, our work on the International Criminal

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UN Security Council in session

With Canada's election to the UN Security Council, the editorial team of **Canada World View** thought it appropriate to devote this second issue to Canada's action in the UN system.

Stories include an overview of Canada's historical role within the UN, particularly with regard to peacekeeping, as well as perspectives for the future at the dawn of a new millennium.

What are the challenges and the opportunities facing Canada at the time of the UN's renewal? Read it in our pages.

The Editors