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## CANADA'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The operating costs of the United Nations, as set out in the organization's annual regular budget and approved by the General Assembly, are met by assessing the member states. The apportionment of expenses is carried out in accordance with accepted principles, chief of which is the capacity to pay. In 1971 Canada's contribution was \$4.9 million<sup>(1)</sup> and its assessment was 3.08 per cent, making Canada the eighth-largest contributor.

In addition to activities covered by the regular budget, the United Nations carried out extensive programs of economic and technical assistance financed by voluntary or assessed contributions from member states.

Between March 31, 1945, and March 31, 1971, Canada paid assessments of approximately \$54.7 million to the regular budget of the United Nations, as well as \$15 million towards the costs of peacekeeping operations, including the United Nations Operations in the Congo (ONUC)<sup>(2)</sup> and the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East (UNEF)<sup>(3)</sup>. In maintaining its peacekeeping contingent as part of the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), Canada absorbed costs estimated at \$16.1 million<sup>(4)</sup> by June 18, 1971.

During the first 26 years of the United Nations, Canada voluntarily contributed in excess of \$314.6 million to special programs such as:

- United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
- World Food Program (WFP)

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(1) Unless otherwise indicated, all financial figures are in Canadian dollars.  
 (2) ONUC ceased activities on June 30, 1964.  
 (3) UNEF was withdrawn in June 1967.  
 (4) This figure represents the cost to Canada over and above the cost the Government would have had to bear in order to maintain these forces in Canada.

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