

Nations programs, member states frequently make significant voluntary payments to special-purpose funds to meet certain pressing global, regional or local problems. These funds differ from those mentioned above in that they are managed by the United Nations Secretariat or other organizations in the United Nations system rather than administered independently.

The activities of the *World Food Program* (WFP) include the provision of food aid to development projects in underdeveloped countries and the supplying of emergency food assistance to victims of natural and man-made disasters. Since it was first organized in 1963 as a joint program of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization, Canada has been among the leading contributors to this multi-lateral food-aid operation. In 1977-78, Canada contributed \$20 million (U.S.), in cash and \$151 million (U.S.) in commodities. These levels made Canada the second-largest contributor to the Program for the 1977-78 biennium.

The *United Nations Educational and Training Program for Southern Africa* (UNETPSA) provides education and training abroad for Southern Africans to equip them to play a larger role in their own societies. In 1977-1978, Canada contributed \$250,000 (Cdn). Canada also contributed \$20,000 (Cdn) to the *Trust Fund for South Africa*, which provides humanitarian and legal assistance to persons persecuted for their opposition to *apartheid* policies. In addition, part of Canada's contribution to the UNHCR is used to assist refugees from South Africa. Canada has contributed \$300,000 (Cdn) since 1975

to the *United Nations Institute for Namibia*, and has pledged \$150,000 (Cdn) for 1980. The purpose of the Institute is to research the needs of an independent Namibia and train Namibians in exile to form the backbone of a civil service after independence.

The *United Nations Fund for Population Activities* (UNFPA) was established in January 1970 as a separate fund administered by the UNDP. It provides financial resources and co-ordinates the response to the Specialized Agencies and non-governmental organizations to requests from member states for assistance with their population and family-planning programs. The UNFPA undertakes, *inter alia*, demographic studies, research and assistance to population-training centres, and provides fellowships, supplies and equipment, and evaluation. Canada's contribution for 1978 was over \$7 million (Cdn). The total budget for 1978 was \$105 million (U.S.).

The *United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control* (UNFDAC) was created by the General Assembly in 1970 to take co-ordinated action against drug abuse in producing, consuming and trafficking countries. The Fund is financed by voluntary contributions. Implementation of plans required \$20 million (U.S.) over the first five years. During 1978, Canada contributed \$200,000 (Cdn).

The International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination was adopted by the General Assembly in December 1965