
Chronology of United Nations and Related Events of Special Interest to Canada

- 1945 June 26 United Nations Charter signed in San Francisco.
October 16 Constitution of Food and Agriculture Organization signed by 36 states at first conference at Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City.
October 24 United Nations officially created.
- 1946 January General Assembly meets in London, elects non-permanent members of Security Council. Canada defeated by Australia on third ballot.
February Judge John Read elected to International Court of Justice (remains on Court until 1958).
May Soviet troops withdraw from Iran after Security Council pressure.
June International Health Conference with all 51 member states meets in New York, drafts constitution of World Health Organization and Dr. Brock Chisholm becomes executive secretary of Interim Commission.
October General Assembly (moved to New York despite Canadian preference for Europe) establishes United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).
November United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) comes into being.
December Security Council sends Commission of Investigation to northern Greece after Athens complains its northern neighbours are supporting guerrillas in civil war. Soviet obstructionism over this issue prompts United States to circumvent Security Council, turns to General Assembly, which sets up UN Special Committee on the Balkans in October 1947.
- 1947 April International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) established in Montreal to facilitate safety, regularity and efficiency of civil aviation.
October General Assembly establishes International Law Commission to promote codification and development of international law. Comprises jurists from 25 countries.
November General Assembly approves plan for partition of Palestine, 33 to 13 with 10 abstaining. Of 11 countries on UN Special Committee on Palestine, 7, including Canada, had favoured partition with economic union, while 3 favoured a federal state.
- 1948 January Canada on Security Council until December 1949. General McNaughton is ambassador.
Kashmir issue comes before Security Council. After cease-fire line established in July 1949, UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) set