

In addition to duties as arbitrators which they may be called on to perform, the Canadian Members also serve as the Canadian National Group under the Statute of the International Court of Justice. The function of the Group is to submit nominations to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the elections of judges of the International Court of Justice. The elections are conducted by the General Assembly and the Security Council with candidates obtaining an absolute majority of votes in both forums being declared elected. The next election will be held in the fall of 1987. The International Court of Justice consists of fifteen members who serve for a term of nine years. The late Mr. Justice John E. Read, formerly legal adviser of the Department of External Affairs, served as a member of the Court from 1946 to 1958.