

regulate my conduct with the interests of the United Nations only in view, and not to seek or accept instructions in regard to the performance of my duties from any government or other authority external to the Organization.

The staff of the Secretariat is divided into three categories: directing staff, professional personnel and general service personnel. Persons in the first two categories are recruited on an international basis under the terms of the Charter, the relevant Assembly resolutions, and the staff rules and regulations. They numbered 3,550 in 1965. The general service personnel, of which there were 5,384, are normally recruited locally, either at United Nations headquarters in New York or at the field office in which they will serve. Each member state is assigned a "desirable range" of posts for the 1,445 posts subject to geographical distribution. In 1965, Canada's "desirable range" was between 31 and 42, and 39 Canadians were actually employed in such positions in the Secretariat.

A sizable permanent secretariat is maintained at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva. The four Regional Economic Commissions are located in Geneva (ECE), Addis Ababa (ECA), Santiago (ECLA) and Bangkok (ECAFE). The United Nations office in Beirut, established to serve as the headquarters of the UNRWA, also deals with the general needs of the Middle Eastern region. In addition, the United Nations maintained in 1965 information offices and centres in over 42 countries. Resident representatives are also located in most of the developing countries to co-ordinate assistance offered under the United Nations programmes of technical co-operation.