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FACT SHEET: CANADA AND THE UN

THE UN

There are 159 members of the United Nations General Assembly. In 1984, the regular budget of the UN itself was USA \$778 million. The ten largest assessed contributors were:

	USA			USA	
	\$ (000)	%		\$ (000)	%
1. USA	190,520	25.00	6. United Kingdom	35,589	4.67
2. USSR	80,323	10.54	7. Italy	28,502	3.74
3. Japan	78,647	10.32	8. CANADA	23,472	3.08
4. FRG	65,082	8.54	9. Spain	14,708	1.93
5. France	49,612	6.51	10. Netherlands	13,565	1.78
			TOTAL	\$580,112,000	= 76.11

The contributions of the Western group of states equal 74.99%
 The contributions of the Communist group of states equal 16.37%
 The contributions of the Third World group of states equal 8.64%

UN Specialized Agencies

The regular budgets of the UN Specialized Agencies in 1984 totaled approximately another USA \$850 million. **Canada's** largest assessed contributions in 1983-84 were as follows:

	Cdn \$	% of total budget
1. World Health Organization (WHO)	11,575,000	3.02
2. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	9,344,000	3.72
3. UNESCO	6,524,000	3.04
4. International Labour Organization (ILO)	4,846,000	3.05
5. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	4,667,000*	3.09
6. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) located in Montreal	3,692,000**	2.93
7. International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	2,391,000	4.59
8. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)	1,174,000***	4.04
9. Universal Postal Union (UPU)	590,000	4.70
10. World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	593,000	2.72
11. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	270,000	2.41
12. International Maritime Organization (IMO)	129,000	.97

*Includes \$1,125,000 voluntary contribution for technical assistance activities.

**Includes \$2,700,000 for costs as host state, e.g. accommodation, heating and services.

***Amount of assessment is calculated as a percentage of Canada's world trade.