

UN peacekeeping forces. Standard scales of reimbursement for each of the troop-contributing countries have been adopted for UNEF/UNDOF. This is a significant advance over previous peacekeeping operations where the reimbursement scales for participating countries were often uneven.

Canada has also served at regular intervals on the third principle organ of the UN, the Economic and Social Council, and in 1975 began a further three-year term. Generally, two sessions of the council are held annually, one in New York to discuss social and humanitarian questions, and one in Geneva to examine economic questions including, for example, food problems and international cooperation. The Economic and Social Council is also charged with coordinating the work of some 167 subsidiary bodies of the UN system. Some examples of those on which Canada is represented are: the Governing Council of the UN Environment Program (UNEP), the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

In recent years the UN has devoted a greater proportion of its time to human rights, and a number of new declarations, conventions and covenants have been promulgated. In 1976 four international human rights instruments came into force: the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the latter's related Optional Protocol; and the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid. Canada has encouraged the preparation of such international instruments and has stressed the importance of building better mechanisms for the effective enforcement of standards. To emphasize Canada's commitment, special importance has been placed on securing membership on UN human rights bodies. A Canadian currently serves on the Commission on Human Rights and the UN Human Rights Committee.

Canada's support of United Nations human rights activities has recently been qualified in the aftermath of General Assembly Resolution 3379 (XXX) of November 1975, which defined Zionism as a form of racism and racial discrimination. Because of Canada's opposition to this resolution, no decision has been taken on whether to attend the 1978 Conference on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. Canada will not attend unless Resolution 3379 is revoked or neutralized, or unless all discussion of Zionism is ruled to be out of order.

Canada is the ninth largest contributor to the UN itself, and in 1976 was assessed 3.18% of the regular budget or in dollar terms nearly \$10 million (Table 3.7). Canada also makes voluntary contributions to regular and special UN programs of the United Nations Development Program, the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, the World Food Program, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the United Nations Education and Training Plan for Southern Africa, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the Committee on Racial Discrimination, the Trust Fund for South Africa and the Fund for Drug Abuse Control. The United Nations Development Program is the largest of these, and has a team leadership function in coordinating development activities in the UN system. Canada's voluntary donations in both cash and commodities to various UN programs totalled approximately \$140 million in the 1975-76 fiscal year.

Specialized agencies. Canada is a member of all 14 specialized agencies of the UN, and is the host country of one, the International Civil Aviation Organization. Canada maintains permanent missions to the UN Headquarters in both New York and Geneva, and has accredited representatives to agencies located in Paris (UNESCO), Rome (FAO) and Vienna (IAEA). The contributions of these agencies has been one of the greatest strengths of the UN system.

The World Bank Group, consisting of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or World Bank, the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association, is by far the largest