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On June 17, members of the United Nations General Assembly voted to elect two non-permanent seats to the Security Council. Canada lost its highly publicized bid for one of the seats by 20 votes.

The data show that all three candidates are strong supporters of the United Nations and its principles. Whether it is on the UNSC or not, Canada's contributions have made it one of the most respected UN Member States. Elections for the Western European and Other Group's rotating seats on the UNSC are held in every even-numbered year; Canada's next opportunity will come in 2022.

## The United Nations Security Council



The Security Council (SC) is responsible for maintaining **international peace and security**. Unlike other organs of the United Nations, the Security Council is the only body that has the power to make decisions that Member States are obligated to implement. The SC has the power to impose sanctions and authorize the use of force.



The SC is composed of **15 members: 5 permanent** and **10 rotating**. Permanent members include **China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, and United States**. Non-permanent members of the Council are elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly. The rotating seats represent the five geographic regions of Member States. Canada will be competing for one of two **Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG)** seats.



Canada has been a member of the SC **6 times**, and held the seat once every decade during the 20th century after the creation of the Council. However, that trend has not continued into the 21st century. The last time Canada held the seat was from **1999-2000**. Canada's **2010** bid for a seat was unsuccessful with Portugal and Germany securing the Western European seats.

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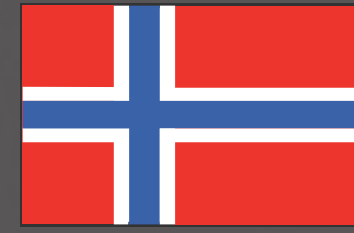
## How Does Canada Stack Up?



**CANADA**



**IRELAND**



**NORWAY**



UN Funding: **\$76M**



UN Funding: **\$10M**



UN Funding: **\$21M**



Number of Peacekeepers: **43**



Number of Peacekeepers: **523**



Number of Peacekeepers: **66**

Peacekeeping Funding: **\$177M**

Peacekeeping Funding: **\$24M**

Peacekeeping Funding: **\$49M**



Population: **37.5M**



Population: **4.9M**



Population: **5.3M**



GDP: **\$1.7T**

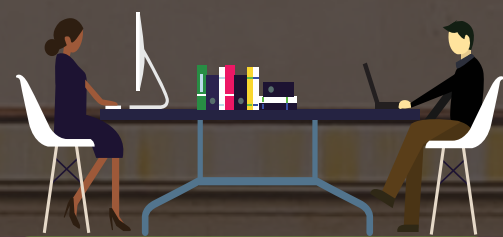


GDP: **\$384B**



GDP: **\$417B**

## Pillars of Canada's 2020 Campaign



ADVANCE  
GENDER  
EQUALITY  
TOGETHER



SUSTAIN  
PEACE  
TOGETHER



ADDRESS  
CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
TOGETHER



PROMOTE  
ECONOMIC  
SECURITY  
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STRENGTHEN  
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## Making Friends Winning Votes



### PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S TRIP TO AFRICA

In February 2020, Prime Minister Trudeau met with African heads of state at the **African Union Summit** in Addis Ababa. Trudeau's visit was his **third visit to Africa** as Prime Minister, but his first to Ethiopia.



### SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY

The pro-Palestine voting bloc in the UN consists of about **80 states**. Unlike the Harper Administration, Trudeau's government has voted in support of resolutions that back Palestinian self-determination in the General Assembly.



### LEADERSHIP IN THE LIMA GROUP

Canada is a founding member of the **Lima Group**, which consists of 12 primarily **Latin American states** that are calling for a peaceful resolution to the Venezuela Crisis.

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