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.
How Does Canada Stack Up?

**CANADA**
- UN Funding: $76M
- Number of Peacekeepers: 43
- Peacekeeping Funding: $177M
- Population: 37.5M
- GDP: $1.7T

**IRELAND**
- UN Funding: $10M
- Number of Peacekeepers: 523
- Peacekeeping Funding: $24M
- Population: 4.9M
- GDP: $384B

**NORWAY**
- UN Funding: $21M
- Number of Peacekeepers: 66
- Peacekeeping Funding: $49M
- Population: 5.3M
- GDP: $417B

Pillars of Canada's 2020 Campaign

- Advance Gender Equality Together
- Strengthen Multilateralism Together
- Address Climate Change Together
- Promote Economic Security Together
- Sustain Peace Together
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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