

The United Nations Association in Canada



together with

Mr. Hershell Ezrin

and

Ms. Hilary Pearson

Request the honour of your company at a

GALA DINNER

in honour of

Geoffrey A. H. Pearson, O.C.

Wednesday, 8 March, 2006

***Panorama Room
National Arts Centre***

Ottawa

Reception 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Business Attire

*All proceeds support the ongoing educational work of the
United Nations Association in Canada*



It is with great pleasure that **United Nations Association in Canada** invites you to attend our Ottawa Gala honouring **Geoffrey Pearson, O.C.** His life has been one centred in international service and a firm commitment to those values Canadians place at the core of our communal being. Long a respected member of Canada's diplomatic corps, with appointments in Paris, Mexico City and New Delhi, his final appointment was as Ambassador to the then USSR. After a short appointment as Special Representative of the Prime Minister for arms control, he left the diplomatic service in 1985 to found the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, which he oversaw for six years.

Retirement has been a time of continuing service in support of a number of non-governmental organizations dedicated to the same values which underscored his professional life. Those have included the Canadian Human Rights Foundation and the International Centre for Human Rights & Democratic Development); Peacefund Canada and the Group of 78 and UNA-Canada. He has maintained an active interest in the life of the Pearson College of the Pacific and has written about his father (Lester B. Pearson) and his father's legacy with clarity and pride. He has always taken pleasure in mentoring young Canadians who wish to understand and follow in similar footsteps of service.

The **United Nations Association in Canada** (UNA-Canada) is a registered charity, founded in 1946, with a mandate to educate and engage Canadians in support for, and understanding of the United Nations and its issues which have a global impact. A Canadian NGO, UNA-Canada has a wide variety of programmes and activities through which to build Canadian capacity to identify and address emerging international issues on a national basis and to provide a foresight and policy research capacity underpinning this innovative programming. With a professional, national secretariat in Ottawa, UNA-Canada derives much of its strength and community outreach from its network of fifteen, volunteer-based, branches. Working with the private and public sectors, academia, community leaders, like-minded NGOs as well as multilateral organizations, UNA-Canada provides a place for Canadians to offer their made-in-Canada solutions to challenges confronting the global commons and to develop skills in living together in peace and prosperity. Key programmes target Canadian youth, human rights, sustainable development, environment, peace building and corporate social responsibility. For more information, and for a sense of the full scope of our work, we invite you to visit our website at www.unac.org.

