

ference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT PrepCom), the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, and the Conference on Disarmament (see below).

**g) Various Study Groups**

Occasionally the General Assembly calls for special studies to be conducted on various issues relating to arms control, disarmament, and international conflict. Five Study Groups were mandated in 1988, covering the topics of verification, nuclear weapons, effective and verifiable measures to facilitate the establishment of a nuclear-weapon free zone in the Middle East, scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security, and promoting transparency in the international transfers of conventional arms. Canadian External Affairs Assistant Deputy Minister for Political and International Security Affairs Fred Bild, is chairman of the Verification study group. Canada is not involved in the other four studies.

**h) Conference on Disarmament (CD)**

The CD is a forty-nation Committee separate from but mandated by the UN. Canada has been a member from its earliest beginnings. It is the world's only global multilateral forum for negotiation in the field of disarmament. It meets twice yearly in Geneva to negotiate on the following issues: nuclear test-ban; cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament; prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters; chemical weapons; prevention of an arms race in outer space; effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon states against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons; and comprehensive programme of disarmament. The CD also creates *ad hoc* working groups and committees to consider various issues. Decisions at the CD are made by consensus.

**Security Council Voting Record (1 January - 31 July 1989)**

Canada voted YES to each of the following Resolutions passed by the Council:

- S/RES/627(1989) - Re: Date of election to fill vacancy in the International Court of Justice.
- S/RES/628(1989) - Re: Support and implementation of tripartite agreement between Angola, Cuba, and South Africa, and bilateral agreement between Angola and Cuba.
- S/RES/629(1989) - Re: Namibia, UNTAG, and financial assistance to Namibia.