

Canada's record in its efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons is indeed unique. Canada has a set of non-proliferation credentials which is shared by few other countries in the world. In non-proliferation -- horizontal and vertical -- Canada has led, and continues to lead, by example.

Moreover, the NPT has been of distinct commercial value to our country:

-- Canada is the world's largest supplier of uranium, all of which is subject to a "peaceful uses" provision.

-- We are the world's largest supplier of bulk radio-isotopes -- for agricultural, medical and scientific applications.

-- We are the fifth largest vendor of power reactors with our world-renowned CANDU.

-- We are the sixth largest generator of nuclear power -- with an operating capacity of over 8,000 MW(E).

-- Approximately 100,000 Canadians work directly or indirectly in our nuclear power programme; our entire nuclear programme is worth \$1 billion to the Canadian economy.

Canada's nuclear programme is strictly for peaceful purposes and entirely subject to safeguards. In its nuclear exports Canada imposes a rigorous set of requirements on its potential customers -- both nuclear and non-nuclear weapons