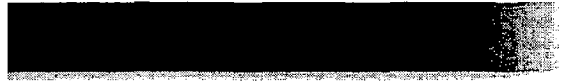


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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON CANADA'S NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY

The following pages contain the Government's response to each recommendation of the Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (SCFAIT) entitled *Canada and the Nuclear Challenge: Reducing the Political Value of Nuclear Weapons for the Twenty-First Century*. The report was tabled in the House of Commons on December 10, 1998.

In making his original request, the Minister of Foreign Affairs asked the Committee to focus on the important developments and disarmament initiatives that had occurred in recent years, including the Project Ploughshares Report entitled *Canada and the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons*, the report of the *Canberra Commission on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and the International Court of Justice* advisory opinion on the threat or use of nuclear weapons, all of which had added new ideas and impetus to the debate.

The Minister also requested that the Committee's study reflect Canada's alliance commitments, including Canada's membership in NATO, and future challenges to Canada's security interests, including the security risks posed by the proliferation of other weapons of mass destruction (biological and chemical weapons), and the practical challenges of effectively verifying complete nuclear disarmament.

The recommendations are addressed in the order that they appear in the SCFAIT report.

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