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The Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, introduced today, for First Reading in the House of Commons, an Act to Establish the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security.

The bill is intended to give effect to the Government's undertaking in the Speech from the Throne last December to create a publicly funded body dedicated to increasing Canadian knowledge on defence and arms control issues, as well as to the promotion of fresh ideas and new proposals in this field. It also follows on the Prime Minister's initiative seeking better East-West relations and international security arrangements.

The introduction of this bill reflects Canada's and the Government's long-term commitment to the search for increased world peace and security as well as the deep and abiding interest and concern of Parliament and the Canadian public in these subjects.

The Institute will promote and foster informed public discussion and deepen Canadian expertise on international peace and security issues. Its emphasis will be on defence, arms control and disarmament in both a Canadian and global context.

