

Canada continued to take an active role in NATO consultations on the U.S.-U.S.S.R. talks on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) and welcomed the resumption of the strategic arms reduction talks (START) in mid-1982.

At the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks (MBFR) in Vienna, the West tabled a draft treaty for a four-stage agreement. At the Madrid meeting of the CSCE efforts continued towards an agreement on a mandate for a conference on confidence and security-building measures and disarmament in Europe.

Terrorism

Canada was the scene of Armenian terrorist activity in 1982. One Turkish diplomat was seriously wounded while another was assassinated. Abroad, violence and terrorism continued as near-daily occurrences and few areas of the world were spared.

The Bonn declaration on hijacking of aircraft was implemented for the first time in 1982 when Germany, France and Britain terminated their air agreements with Afghan Airways (Ariana) after Afghanistan had failed to prosecute or extradite the hijackers of a Pakistani civil aircraft which included Canadians among its passengers.