

THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME

12. The Committee recommends that the Government, having strengthened the international safeguards regime by signing its new Model Protocol with the International Atomic Energy Agency, use all means at its disposal to convince other States to do likewise.

Response

Canada concluded and signed a Protocol Additional to its nuclear safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on September 24, 1998. It is anticipated that the Protocol will come into force in the summer of 1999.

Canada has repeatedly called upon all other member states of the IAEA to conclude a Protocol Additional to their respective bilateral nuclear safeguards agreement(s) with the IAEA. Canada will continue to do so, on every possible occasion.

Before entering into a future Nuclear Co-operation Agreement with any other State, the Government should, at a minimum, require that State to adopt the new Model Protocol.

Response

All Canada's nuclear partners, including non-nuclear-weapon States and NWS, are required to conclude a binding bilateral Nuclear Co-operation Agreement (NCA) which includes among other things, a commitment that Canadian nuclear exports will be used only for peaceful, non-explosive end-uses. Adherence to this commitment is verified through the IAEA's safeguards system.