

More directly, the CD could and should be used to identify and explore issues which could be negotiated multilaterally at an appropriate point. The CD has negotiated such issues in the past, for example, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the recently-launched Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT) negotiations. Other issues appropriate for negotiation in the CD may well emerge in the future.

And explore with the United States and Russia means of preparing to enter nuclear disarmament reductions at the earliest possible moment.

Response

The Government of Canada considers that a political commitment now by China, France and the U.K. to join an expanded START process would be a singular responsible action. Canada will continue to encourage the NWS to engage in consultations on this issue.