

- The Iraq situation has underlined the deficiencies in NPT, which cannot prevent the accumulation of fissionable materials because they are needed for civilian production as well. Iraq could have diverted some of its enriched uranium between two international inspections and quickly manufactured nuclear bombs (it should be remembered that nuclear weapons *research* is not forbidden by NPT). There is therefore increasing discussion at IAEA of instituting special inspection procedures and of increasing the frequency of inspections in certain critical cases.
- Attacks on nuclear plants for civilian purposes have become common. Iran, Israel, Iraq and the United States have carried out such attacks since 1980. In South Korea, some people believe that a surprise raid should be carried out to destroy North Korea's nuclear potential.
- Thanks to the efforts of Brazil, Argentina and South Africa, we know now that it is possible to reverse the nuclear proliferation process when national and international conditions are right. This confirms the belief that restrictions on supply help gain time while waiting for political conditions to improve.

Spector discussed the extent of Iraq's secret nuclear programme, as was known in June 1991. Iraq was previously known to possess a small amount of enriched uranium subject to IAEA guarantees and its long-term plans to enrich uranium by using centrifuges was also known. However, it was then learned that Iraq was employing an old enrichment technology using electro-magnetic procedures. It is possible that Iraq succeeded in producing 40 kg of enriched uranium, enough to produce two good-sized atomic bombs. When all is said and done, it is clear that Iraq seriously violated NPT and doubt has been cast on the international inspection system. Distrust of other nations may well increase because confidence in the international system has been seriously undermined.

Albert Legault of Laval University commented on the addresses of both these speakers. He did not have as much confidence as they in export controls. The West may