

JOINT STATEMENT BY MTCR COUNTRIES

The Government of Canada, together with its partners in the Missile Technology Control Regime, has strengthened its effort to combat the proliferation of ballistic missiles. Canada and all partners in the MTCR have adopted revised guidelines to extend the scope of the regime to missiles capable of delivering biological and chemical weapons as well as nuclear weapons. The adoption of these guidelines and their implementation confirms and tightens existing policy. These measures will further strengthen the MTCR and will be an important factor in countering the proliferation of missile systems.

The Government of Canada and its MTCR partners welcome the growing number of countries that have publicly committed themselves to respect the MTCR guidelines and call on all states to show a similar spirit of responsibility in the interest of international peace and security.