



List of Arms Control and Disarmament-Related International Agreements to which Canada is a Signatory or Party

BACKGROUNDER

1. 1817 Rush-Bagot Agreement (United Kingdom-United States)
Signed and in force 29 April 1817

Negotiated after the end of the War of 1812, this agreement resulted in the reduction, limitation and equalization of naval forces on the Great Lakes. It is the earliest disarmament agreement of the modern era. It had considerable influence on the improvement of relations between Canada and the United States and the eventual creation of a disarmed border.
2. Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare
Signed: 17 June 1925
Ratified: 6 May 1930
In force for Canada: 6 May 1930
3. Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water
Signed: 8 August 1963
Ratified: 28 January 1964
In force for Canada: 28 January 1964
4. Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and the Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies
Signed: 27 January 1967
Ratified: 10 October 1967
In force for Canada: 10 October 1967
5. Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Signed: 23 July 1968
Ratified: 8 January 1969
In force for Canada: 5 March 1970
6. Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Seabed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof
Signed: 11 February 1971
Ratified: 17 May 1972
In force for Canada: 18 May 1972
7. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction
Signed: 10 April 1972
Ratified: 18 September 1972
In force for Canada: 26 March 1975
8. Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques
Signed: 18 May 1977
Ratified: 11 June 1981
In force for Canada: 11 June 1981
9. Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material
Signed: 22 September 1980
Ratified: 21 March 1986

This Convention will not come into force until ratified by 21 countries.

Related documents

Document on Confidence-Building Measures and Certain Aspects of Security and Disarmament, included in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
Signed: 1 August 1975