

able to agree on appropriate measures. Finally, we hope that an equitable safeguards formula can soon be agreed upon which can be accepted by all interested parties. Such an article would do much to promote the extension of international safeguards on peaceful nuclear activities and strengthen the mechanics of nuclear arms control.

Secretary-General's Report on Nuclear Weapons

In the next two or three weeks we should receive the Secretary-General's Report on Nuclear Weapons, in which the Secretary-General's staff and a number of experts have been engaged for the past six months. Such a report--the product of so much knowledge and experience--must command the careful attention of all member governments and of all people interested in the development of a rational and stable world order.

Conventional Arms Control

My Government endorses the right of all States to take whatever measures they deem necessary to ensure their self-defence, but we would urge the suppliers and recipients of arms to exercise restraint in their sale and acquisition so that a serious imbalance of arms does not develop in any area where it might lead to the outbreak of fighting. The United States has recently proposed the registration of arms shipments to the Middle East. Canada does not supply arms to the Middle East, but we think this a practical, constructive and forward-looking proposal to which the United Nations might well lend its good offices. We would hope the principal arms suppliers to the area could give it serious consideration.

Anti-ballistic Missile System

I should now like to turn to a specific measure of arms control in which there was reason to hope that the nuclear powers might be expected to make progress in the near future. Some months ago the United States proposed to the Soviet Union that they enter into discussions designed to limit offensive and defensive strategic nuclear weapons systems and in particular the deployment of anti-ballistic missile systems. To date these talks have not started and we understand the USSR has not responded to USA efforts to get the talks under way. Meanwhile the Soviet Union has continued to develop the anti-missile defences of Moscow. The United States has recently announced its intention of going forward soon with a limited and light armament defence oriented against a potential Chinese nuclear threat foreseen for the early nineteen seventies.