

PREFACE

This report on "International Security and Canadian Interests" was prepared at my request by a group of former officials with wide experience in the fields of foreign and defence policy. They met periodically during 1987 under the able chairmanship of John Halstead, former Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and to NATO, who took responsibility for preparing the final draft of the report. Their terms of reference are given in the Introduction.

The Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security is happy to publish their report as an important contribution to the on-going debate on Canada's security interests. One of the features of this debate tends to be mutual suspicion--on the one hand of official "propaganda," on the other hand of "political" motivations. Those who have retired from government service and can therefore speak more freely are often absent from the debate, either because long years of exposure to the world of classified documents induces a certain reticence, or because they prefer to take up other careers and pursuits. It is hoped, therefore, that this initiative will add a new dimension to the debate and act as a useful precedent for the future.

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