

Disarmament and Safety

(CTBT, Nuclear Safety, Eastern Europe Sub-Section)

The nuclear section's main **disarmament** role is to ensure the effective implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). To this end, functions of the sub-section include:

- taking appropriate operational steps to ensure compliance with the Treaty;
- liaising with other federal departments (e.g., Health Canada, Natural Resources Canada and Environment Canada on verification activities), Canada's Permanent Mission in Vienna, and other Canadian stakeholders;
- providing information to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO); and
- supporting Canadian representation at the CTBTO.

The main **safety** role is to support an international regime that encourages countries throughout the world to develop an effective safety culture for dealing with the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. This role is carried out through two main fora: the G7 Nuclear Safety Working Group and the IAEA. Functions of the sub-section on safety issues include:

- participating in international efforts to provide assistance in effectively decommissioning the Chornobyl nuclear power plant;
- participating in international efforts to increase the level of safety at reactor facilities in the Russian Federation and Eastern Europe; and
- participating in IAEA activities that lead to safer nuclear and radiological operations on a global scale.