

## Canada-Netherlands Trial CFE Inspection: Exercise UMBRELLA HANDLE

From January 29 to February 1, a Canadian inspection team conducted a trial inspection of military facilities in the Netherlands under the provisions of the Inspection Protocol of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE). Dubbed UMBRELLA HANDLE, the inspection was the second of two trials conducted jointly by Canada and the Netherlands to develop inspecting and hosting procedures and to train personnel. The first, ACID BREW, a trial chemical weapons inspection of the Canadian Forces base in Lahr, Germany, took place in November 1990.

To derive maximum training benefit and to test the Treaty for areas of ambiguity or potential difficulty, both nations agreed in advance to follow the Inspection Protocol closely, including adhering to in-country and inspection-site time constraints. The nine-person Canadian team was headed by L.Col. Charles Oliviero, Senior Arms Control Staff Officer at Canadian Forces Europe headquarters. The team members — all of whom were graduates of the Canadian Forces On-Site Inspector Course described in the Winter 1990/91 *Disarmament Bulletin* — were drawn from National Defence headquarters, EAITC and the Lahr arms control staff. Three Ottawa-based observers evaluated the Canadian team's preparations and inspection technique from a national perspective. The Netherlands escort team was comprised of 14 army and air force officers led by L.Col. Jos de Waart. The inspection group was joined by military observers from the nine Western European Union nations.

The inspection involved the confirmation of Treaty-limited equipment (TLE) holdings at two sites selected by the inspectors: an air force base and an army casern with training area. Each of these environments provided unique challenges. For example, the air base visit involved the sequential inspection of two fighter aircraft squadrons, with the second unit being examined at night. The army unit inspection included a helicopter flight to verify equipment deployed in the large training area. The inspection concluded with an extensive debriefing involving the two teams, observers and national representatives. The participants concluded that, in general, the Inspection Protocol provides a suitable framework for on-site inspections. Both Canada and the Netherlands expressed full satisfaction with the inspection.



Inspection of self-propelled artillery at the Van Steveninck army casern in the Netherlands.

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## Disarmament Fund Projects

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Over 200 academics, policy-makers and others from Europe and North America gathered in Quebec City on October 4 and 5, 1990 to discuss "The Germanies in a New Europe." This 22nd annual meeting of Laval University's Centre québécois de relations internationales (CQRI) examined economic, political and security issues related to the integration of Germany. Papers presented at the meeting will be published in a special issue of CQRI's *Choix*. For further information, contact the CQRI at Local 5460, Pavillon de Koninck, Université Laval, Ste-Foy, Quebec, G1K 7P4.

"Canadian Perspectives on Maritime Strategy" is the name of the latest in the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament's *Issue Brief* series. It offers comments on the US Navy's maritime strategy by Commander (ret'd) Peter Haydon of Halifax, Rear Admiral (ret'd) Fred Crickard, Research Associate with Dalhousie University's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, and Dr. Douglas Ross, Director of the Centre for International Studies at Simon Fraser University. *Issue Brief 11* can be ordered from the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament at 151 Slater Street, Suite 710, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5H3. The price is \$5.50 (50 percent discount for members).

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