- March 1980: The First Review Conference of the Biological Weapons and Toxins Convention met in Geneva. Canada also participated in the negotiations of the early 1970s which led to the conclusion of this Treaty in April 1972.
- August 1980: The Second Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty met in Geneva.
- November 1980: The second Follow-Up Meeting to review the implementation of the CSCE Final Act opened in Madrid.
- June 1982: The United Nations General Assembly began a second Special Session on Disarmament.
- January 1984: The Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe (CCSBMDE) opened in Stockholm pursuant to the agreement worked out at the Madrid CSCE Follow-Up Meeting. The first phase of the CCSBMDE concluded with the adoption of the Document of the Stockholm Conference on September 19, 1986.
- February 1984: The Committee on Disarmament was redesignated as the Conference on Disarmament (CD) with no change of membership.
- September 1984: The Review Conference of the Environmental Modification Treaty met in Geneva. Canada also participated in the negotiations of the mid-1970s which led to the conclusion of this Treaty in May 1977.
- August 1985: The Third Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty met in Geneva.
- September 1986: The Second Review Conference of the Biological Weapons and Toxin Convention met in Geneva.
- November 1986: The third Follow-Up Meeting to review the implementation of the CSCE Final Act opened in Vienna.
- February 1987: Members of the Warsaw Pact met with members of NATO for exploratory talks regarding conventional arms limitations in Europe from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural Mountains.