

The Treaty has survived its first 15 years -- not untarnished and not without criticism. An assessment of how the Treaty has worked so far, where it has succeeded and where it may have failed, can only serve to strengthen it.

It is the responsibility of the Third Review Conference to demonstrate that adherence to the letter and spirit of the Non-Proliferation Treaty would result in a powerful non-proliferation régime guaranteeing the reduction, and eventual elimination, of nuclear weapons. That is a goal that commands our highest priority. Canada hopes, expects, and will work to achieve that goal.