

Committee on Disarmament in Geneva. Some countries are already exchanging data on a provisional basis. In several months, Canada will be able to join these countries and, therefore, to be a full member of the Exchange from the outset. Canada has called for the early implementation of the Exchange in advance of a treaty.

Chemical Weapons (CW) BAN

Canada has been playing an active role in the CW Working Group of the Committee on Disarmament since its inception three years ago. A Canadian technical expert has been made available to the Canadian delegation in Geneva for brief periods.

Henceforth it will be possible to provide an expert for longer periods as and when warranted, thereby more effectively applying internationally recognized Canadian expertise in defensive measures in the course of negotiations on a treaty banning chemical weapons.

Research and Public Information

The increase in the Disarmament Fund will be used to assist research and teaching facilities in Canada through contributions and contracts. An initial step already underway is to provide depository libraries in Canada with the documents of the multilateral negotiating body in Geneva for the years 1974-1980, which most are missing, in order that they may have complete sets available to researchers. A second early step will be to increase assistance to research projects, which until now has been a relatively small part of the programme under the Disarmament Fund. As the Fund continues to grow in the next financial year, the programme will include assistance directed to enhancing teaching on arms control and disarmament.