

ment of Canada is encouraging Canadians to discuss, research and disseminate information on arms control and disarmament issues, and to provide their contribution to the discussion of these questions both in Canada and abroad.

Recipients of contributions from the Fund may be any non-governmental organization, formal or informal academic or public interest group or individual in Canada engaged in balanced discussions, research, dissemination of information or publishing of information material on the subject of disarmament and arms control or focusing on disarmament issues as part of an overall program.

History

The decision to establish the Disarmament Fund was taken in 1979 to stimulate information and research activities in Canada and a balanced discussion among Canadians of the major issues in the field of arms control and disarmament. The creation of the Disarmament Fund followed upon the first United Nations Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSOD I) in 1978 which called upon member nations to expand their efforts in the field of research, education, and informa-

tion dissemination on disarmament and arms control issues. The Canadian Government provided an initial allocation of \$60,000 to the Department of External Affairs in 1980 to set up the Disarmament Fund in the Arms Control and Disarmament Division. The Disarmament Fund initially comprised a contributions component which was restricted primarily to assisting groups in defraying speakers' expenses. The terms and conditions for contributions were expanded in 1982 to provide assistance to research and teaching facilities in Canada. The eligibility criteria were further expanded through the establishment of a grant component in the 1983-84 fiscal year.

Disarmament Fund Expenditures

In the 1980-81 fiscal year disbursements from the Disarmament Fund were \$58,000 and grew to \$108,000 in the 1981-82 fiscal year. Included among the major Fund allocations were grants to Project Ploughshares to help fund its 1981 Disarmament Week activities, to the Peace Research Institute of Dundas, Ontario, to the Canadian Peace Research Education Association, and to the Canadian Pugwash Group to help defray the costs of a major con-

