

Canada continues to offer its full support for the USA negotiating position in Geneva which has sought, as a first step, 50% reductions in strategic offensive nuclear arsenals and an interim agreement on intermediate-range forces. We have welcomed in this regard the new Soviet offer to negotiate a separate INF agreement. We also remain committed to the concept of collective defence and membership in NATO. The Alliance offers a unique forum for timely and useful consultations on such crucial issues which affect Western, and ultimately Canadian, security. We shall continue to participate fully in such discussions which offer the best opportunity and most appropriate means for the expression of Canadian views and opinions.