

There are many ways of conveying opinions – through marches, letter-writing campaigns, meetings with Members of Parliament. Through the Disarmament Fund, the new Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, and the foreign policy review process, the public has the opportunity to present new perspectives and to suggest new approaches.

The call for public participation in the Green Paper study has been made strongly and repeatedly – by the Prime Minister and by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I add my voice to theirs – reminding all concerned Canadians that, as the Green Paper states:

“The imperative of ensuring security at lower levels of nuclear weapons requires that no proposal or line of thinking on a possible solution be dismissed without careful examination.”

The Canadian public, through the review process, must bring forward its concerns, its views and above all, its ideas.

The search for peace is not a one-person or one-nation crusade. It must be a cooperative effort; only then will it succeed.