

Canada should support the call for the conclusion of a nuclear weapons disarmament convention.

Response

The Government considers it premature to enter into negotiations on a nuclear weapons disarmament convention. The Government also does however recognize and accept the potential, as well as the limits, of multilateral efforts to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons over the short and medium term. It is in this context that Canada encourages the NWS to meet their responsibilities and deliver on their commitments. While it is clear that, for the foreseeable future, it will be up to the NWS to negotiate among themselves the reduction of their nuclear arsenals, Canadians and all members of the international community continue to have a deep and abiding stake in the process.

Canada expects the NWS to engage actively on this issue and to make further progress to reduce and to eliminate nuclear weapons.

The Government also recognizes that further nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation measures will not be achieved without substantial financial investment not only by the NWS but also by the international community as a whole.