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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TABLING OF PROPOSALS FOR A NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AT
EIGHTEEN NATION DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE - AUGUST 17, 1965.

On the occasion of the tabling of Western proposals for a non-proliferation treaty in the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee, the Hon. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, issued the following statement:

"Today, August 17, proposals for a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons are being tabled at the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee in Geneva by the leader of the United States Delegation. These proposals carry the general support of the Western countries represented in the ENDC. They derive from discussions and consultations over a period of months among a number of governments, in which Canada has played an active part. The Canadian government supports these proposals and commends them to the serious attention of all governments and peoples and, more particularly, to those governments represented in the disarmament discussions at Geneva.

Canada has for some time advocated an early beginning of serious negotiation toward international action to halt the spread of nuclear weapons. We prepared a draft treaty of our own for the purpose of discussion with our allies. In this way we intended to stimulate thought through friendly consultation with other governments and so help to encourage progress in this important field.