

We hope that this conceptual working paper will lead to greater consideration of verification in this body. We are not looking to the Committee to conduct a study of verification, which would be inappropriate for the Committee. We are looking to others to contribute to greater consideration of this subject: we hope others will choose to table papers on aspects of verification in which they may have special expertise and which can contribute to common understanding.

Finally, in the spirit of the commencement of the Second Disarmament Decade, and in the approach to the United Nations General Assembly's second special session on disarmament, I hope this committee will allocate to itself a period within which to discuss briefly the unique and vital significance of verification to arms-control agreements. This would serve to highlight the importance which has been accorded to this subject by the Committee in including it in Item IX of its permanent agenda. In this connection I am pleased to offer, on behalf of my government, to provide a briefing on the conceptual paper and on the research behind it by experts from Ottawa who are ready to share their experiences with you.

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