

Organization

Canada's *CTBT National Authority* will administer the provisions of the *Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Implementation Act* (to be legislated). In the interim, it will interface between Canada and the CTBTO and other States Party and prepare for the implementation of the CTBT in Canada.

The CTBT Steering Committee provides policy direction to the National Authority, based on Canadian foreign policy objectives, encompassing all aspects of Canadian implementation of the CTBT and striving to maintain the Canadian lead in the area of nuclear-test-ban technologies. This committee consists of three Permanent Members: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) responsible for the Secretariat of the National Authority which serves as Canada's point of contact with the CTBTO; Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) responsible for the Geophysical Operation and the National Data Centre (NDC); and Health Canada (jointly with Environment Canada) responsible for the Radionuclide Operation. As lead department in the CTBT implementation process, DFAIT chairs the Committee. In addition, members from other departments such as Department of National Defence (DND), Atomic Energy Control Board (AECB) and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) may be engaged on an as-needs basis. Advisors may also be invited to the Committee meetings. The Committee meets regularly and decisions are taken on a consensus basis among the Permanent Members. The Permanent Members also meet regularly to formulate the agenda of the next Steering Committee meeting, to assess progress of CTBT implementation and to discuss other operational issues at hand.

The Secretariat of the National Authority is located within the Nuclear, Non-proliferation and Disarmament Implementation Agency (IDN) of DFAIT. It executes the following to fulfil the responsibilities of the National Authority:

- coordinating with lawyers from the Department of Justice on the drafting of a *Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Implementation Act* and accompanying regulations;
- ensuring provision of data from Canada to the International Data Centre (IDC) of the CTBTO in Vienna, in cooperation with Natural Resources Canada and Health Canada;
- disseminating in Canada, as necessary, information including verification-related data from the CTBTO and States Party;
- liaising with the relevant Canadian industry sectors to ensure notification, as required by the Treaty;
- coordinating, managing and assuring the conduct of on-site inspections in Canada;
- undertaking domestic outreach activities to raise the awareness of CTBT's nuclear disarmament objectives and Canada's obligations under the Treaty;