

CANADA AND THE CTBT

E1. What is Canada presently doing to further the implementation of the CTBT?

Canada is proceeding with domestic implementation legislation which will criminalize the carrying out of nuclear explosions, and the aiding and abetting of the carrying out of nuclear explosions; make obligatory the reporting by Canadian industry of very large chemical explosions; and mandate the respective roles of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Natural Resources Canada and Health Canada. This legislation will then allow Canada to ratify the Treaty. We are completing the installation of our monitoring stations, laboratories and the National Data Centre, and are liaising with Canadian companies, provinces and territories regarding the reporting of chemical explosions.

With respect to international activity, we are continuing our leadership role in the CTBT Organization. We are assisting the establishment of the International Monitoring System in other countries, and the development of an effective on-site-inspection system. We have taken a leadership role in calling for a conference to review the Treaty's entry into force provisions, as provided under Article XIV. We are identifying procurement opportunities for Canadian industry arising from the IMS and the Global Communications Infrastructure.